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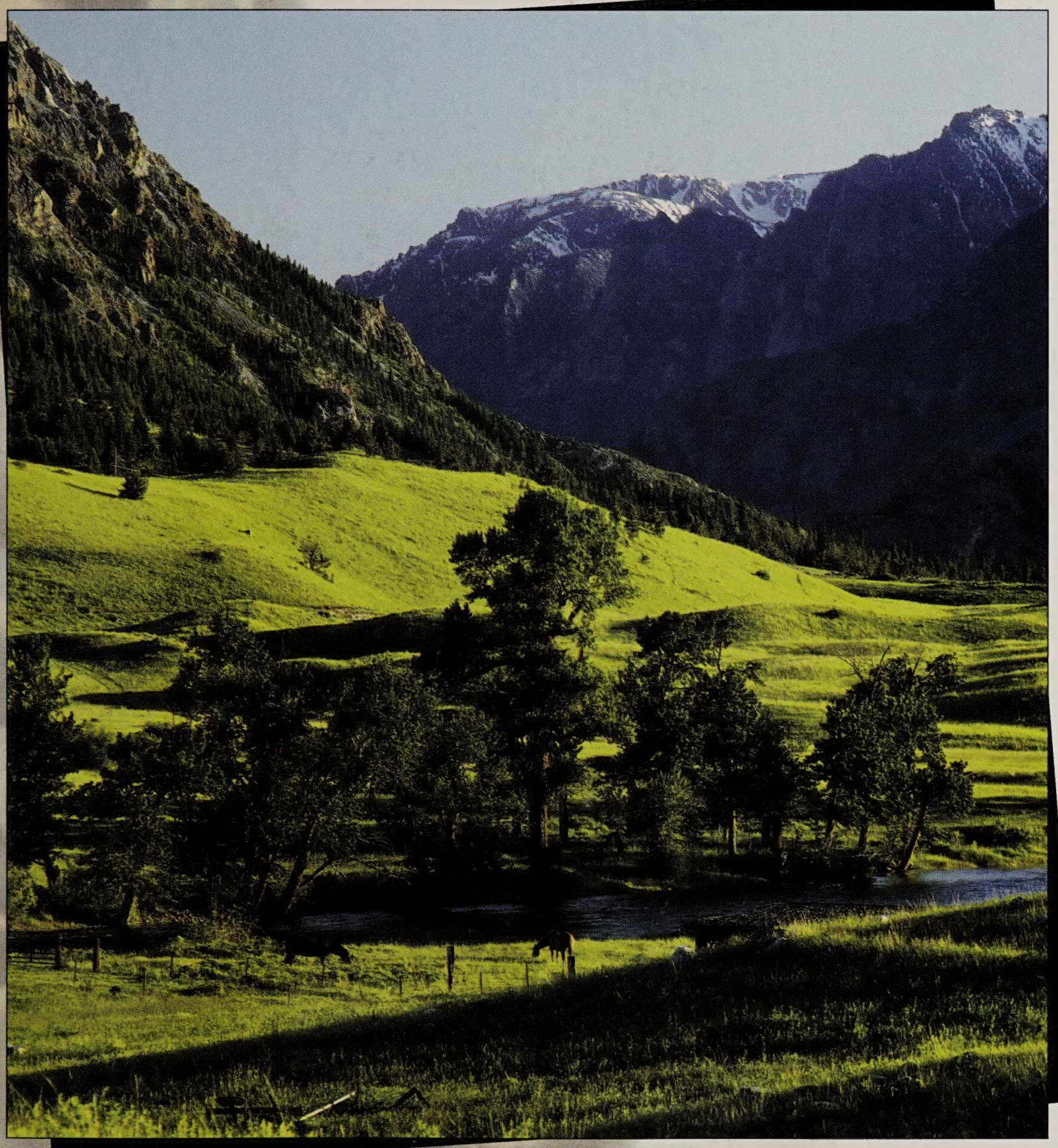

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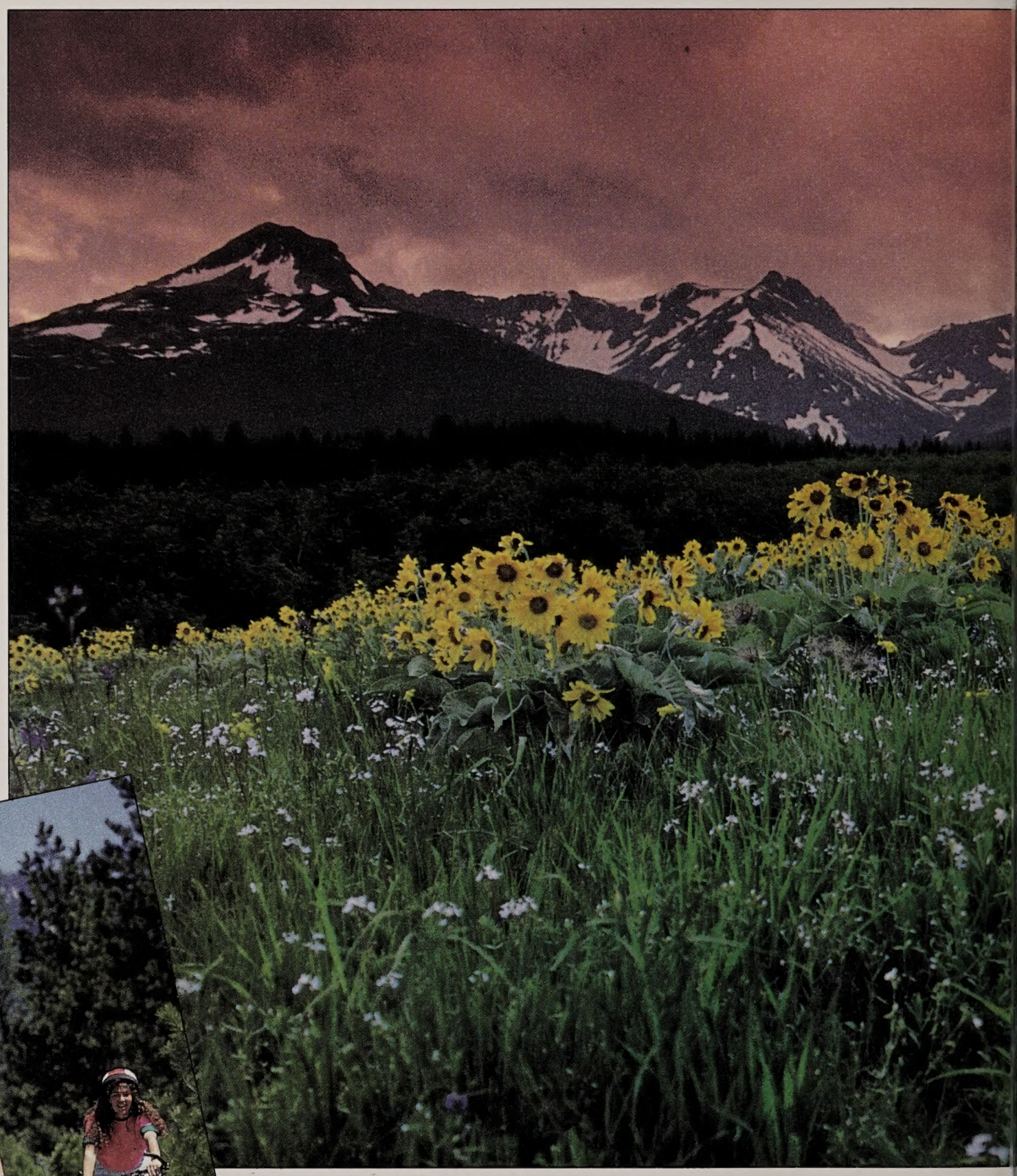
You Are Invited . . .

to discover and delight in this land of the shining mountains. The possibilities for enjoying Montana are as colorful and endless as our "Big Sky." Stunning scenery, abundant wildlife, fascinating history and a wealth of attractions make Montana a premier vacation destination. Please be our guest. Welcome to Montana!

– Governor Marc Racicot

Governor Marc and Theresa Racicot

Travis Smith



Enjoy Montana's backcountry on a mountain bike

Donnie Sexton

Front cover:
Stillwater Valley *Larry Burton*

Back cover:
Wagon Train in the Helena Valley *Donnie Sexton*

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Montana has the largest grizzly bear population in the lower 48 states

Dan & Cindy Hartman

A breathtaking sunset on the Rocky Mountain Front signals the coming of evening

Doug Dye

Founded in 1896, Garnet is one of Montana's best-preserved ghost towns

Craig & Liz Larcom

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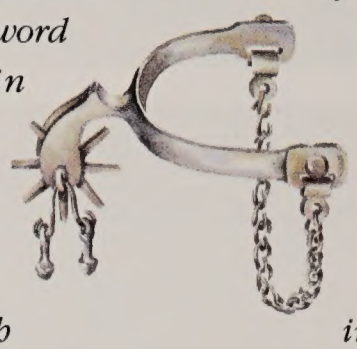
Serendipity is the "making of pleasant discoveries by accident." It's a word that describes a vacation in Montana. The discoveries start here in the pages of this guide. Pick any or all of our six vacation countries, each with its own attractions and landscapes. Catch a glimpse of all that's in store for you in Montana.



If you're looking for information about lodging, camping, or outdoor recreation, the 1995-96 Travel Planner is your complete reference. It lists campgrounds, motels, resorts, bed and breakfasts, as well as contacts for information about recreational activities. Call 800-VISITMT (outside MT) or 444-2654 for your free copy.

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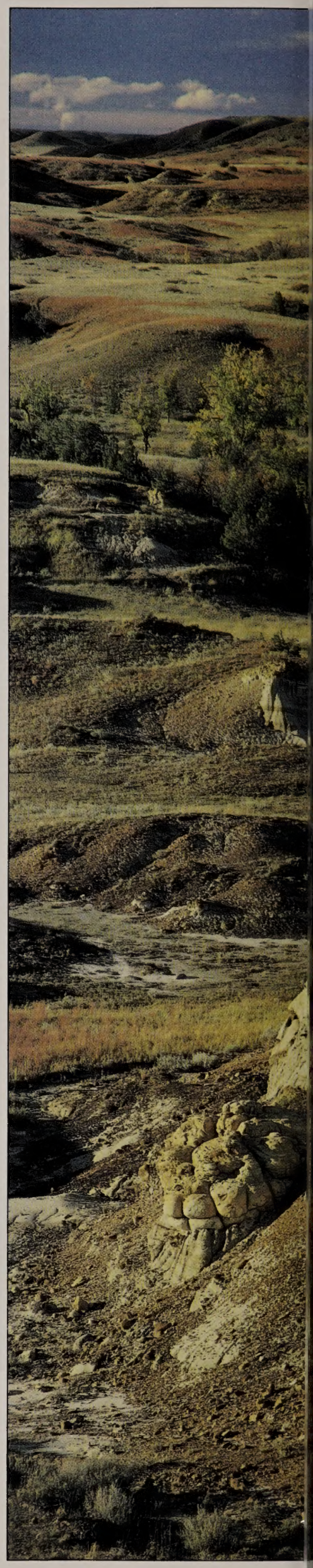


Vast, sweeping expanses of land are the trademark of eastern Montana's landscape

Del Siegle

Herds of pronghorn antelope dot the eastern Montana prairie

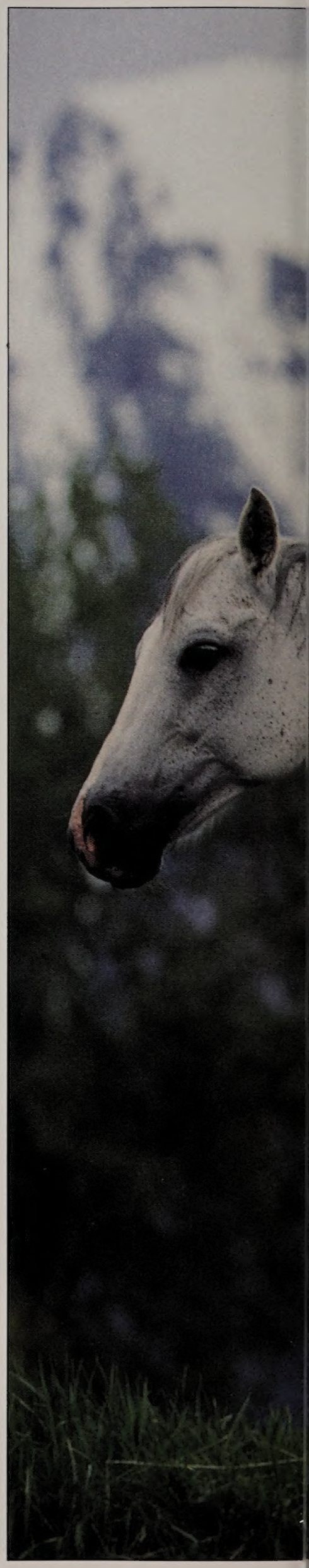
Rodney Schlecht

Spring's New Beginnings

The sure cure for cabin fever in Montana is the arrival of spring. It's the season of vibrant color—daffodils, yellow bells, lavender crocus, and delicate white cherry blossoms. It's the season of new beginnings—a colt, a fawn nestled down in spring grass, a robin's nest—nature's way of keeping things in balance. From meadow picnics to canoe trips along the Missouri, it is the season of quiet appreciation for all that is new and fresh.

Spring on the prairie—perhaps Montana's most serene season
Doug Dye

The Northern saw-whet owl stands only 7 inches tall and weighs less than four ounces
Alan & Sandy Carey



Horses are an integral part of Montana's western heritage
Alan & Sandy Carey

Summer Made Perfect

In Montana, there are fifteen hours of light in our summer days, and yet it seems that the days are never long enough to take in all Montana has to offer. From the wet and wild thrill of whitewater rafting to a lazy horseback trail ride. From the delights of small town parades and fairs to Montana's action-packed rodeos. From fly-fishing adventures to upbeat jazz and bluegrass festivals. You'll find celebrations unique to Montana—Libby Logger Days, Standing Arrow Pow-Wow, and Jordan/Hell Creek Walleye Tournament, to name a few.

A visitor to Yellowstone National Park captures the beauty on film

R. Valentine Atkinson

The annual Miles City Bucking Horse Sale and Parade

Larry Mayer

The Middle Fork of the Flathead remains one of Montana's premier whitewater challenges

Scott Spiker

Taking a break

John Reddy

Autumn–Awesome!

If you visit Montana in the autumn, you may well be amazed at what Nature does with her paintbrush. Flamboyant reds, warm golds, bronze—evident in the larch, aspen, birch. Summer's bounty of potatoes, pumpkins, and sun-drenched wheat speaks well for those who tend the land. Autumn brings quiet, still days capped off with crisp, star-filled nights. For many, it's a favorite season. The hunter, with the abundance of game. The fishing enthusiast, who seeks out a misty morning on a favorite stream. For everyone, autumn is a season filled with wonder in Big Sky Country.

For the golfer, there are over 70 public and private courses in Montana

David Scott Smith

Elk are among Montana's most popular big game species

Conrad Rowe

The Bitterroot Mountains of western Montana are ablaze with vibrant autumn colors

Mark Lagerstrom

Dashing Through the Snow

In Montana, winter means celebrating, not hibernating. Leave the crowds behind and ski Montana, where you can spend your time perfecting your turns, instead of waiting your turn. Each of our four largest resorts offers more skiable terrain than Aspen. To complete the experience, miles of well-marked trails beckon the Nordic skier. Tour the backcountry on snowmobile or sweep away for a starlit sleigh ride. Snuggle by the fire of a cozy inn. Glimpses of wildlife, alpine grandeur, and shimmering snow make Montana's winter a season you shouldn't miss.

Montana's Race to the Sky is the longest sled dog race in the lower 48 states *Roger Wade*

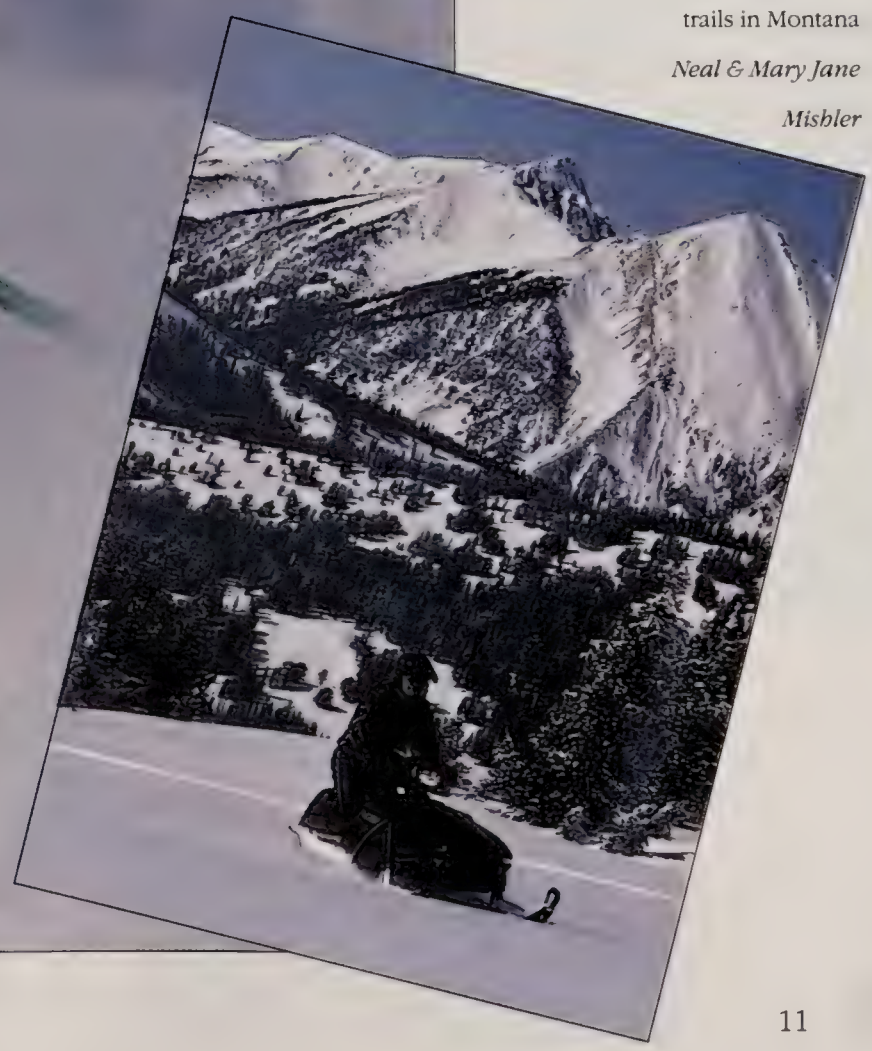
Ptarmigan replace their brown summer plumage with white in winter *Steve Wirt*

Affordable skiing can be found at all of Montana's 14 downhill ski areas. Complement that with a state full of cross-country skiing, snowmobiling and exciting festivals and events. What a winter getaway! For a free Montana Winter Guide call 800-VISIT MT Rm.5VG (outside MT) or 444-2654

Scott Spiker

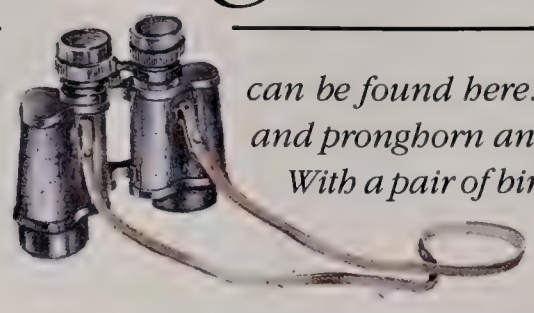
You'll find over 3,000 miles of groomed snowmobiling trails in Montana

Neal & Mary Jane Mishler

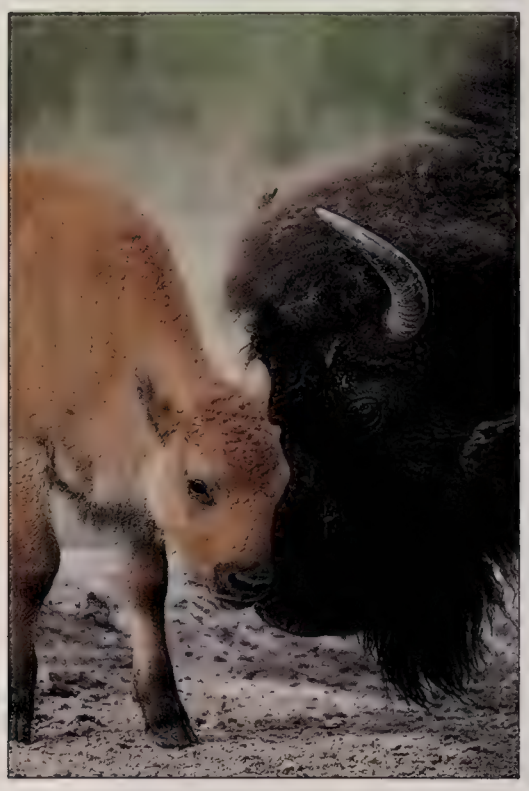


Friends in High Places

Montana's magnificent creatures—you'll find them not only in high places, but also in marshlands, wildlife refuges, grassy plains—virtually everywhere in the Big Sky Country. Montana is wildlife rich—over 500 species of mammals, birds, reptiles, and amphibians



can be found here. Montana's population of elk, deer, and pronghorn antelope alone outnumber its citizens. With a pair of binoculars and a healthy appreciation of living things, travelers will find an array of wildlife to enjoy.



The National Bison Range at Moiese is home to 400 of these magnificent animals

Nelson Kenter

Montana's rivers and lakes now support more than 100 pairs of nesting bald eagles in summer and about 500 eagles in winter

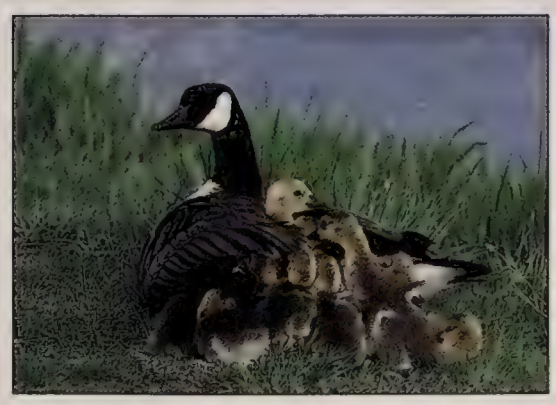
Mark Van Donsel

Montana's bighorn sheep herds are among the largest in North America

Nelson Kenter

Mountain goats and other animals can be viewed at several Watchable Wildlife areas around the state. More than 100 areas, most marked by special binocular road signs, have been designated wildlife viewing sites. A handy *Montana Wildlife Viewing Guide* is available through your local bookstore.

Dennis J. Cwidak



The Canada goose can be found throughout Montana

Conrad Rowe

The Native Peoples

Ten American Indian tribes have deep roots in the land we call Montana. The Blackfeet, Crow, Chippewa Cree, Salish, Northern Cheyenne, Sioux, Gros Ventre, Pend d'Oreille, Assiniboine, and Kootenai tribes represent a diversity of culture

and language unique in North America. In ceding their massive land holdings through treaty agreements with the U.S. government, the tribes created homelands to be held in perpetuity for themselves, known as "Reservations."

Rocky Boy's Powwow

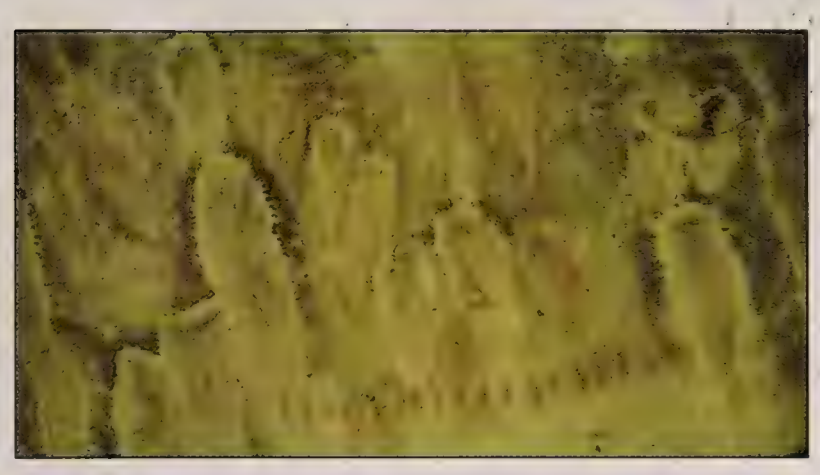
Victor Bjornberg

The annual Crow Fair, which features traditional dances, songs, rituals, food, attire, arts and crafts, is one example of the effort by a new generation of Native Americans to preserve their values and traditions

Chris Roberts

All of Montana's seven reservations, including the Blackfeet shown above, are sovereign lands; before recreating in Montana's Indian lands, please contact the appropriate tribe

Joyce Clarke Turvey



Native American rock paintings at the Pictograph Cave State Park near Billings
Connie Wanner

Montana Through Time

Montana is history rich and the evidence is fascinating. Colorful mining towns turned ghost towns. Sacred battlefields, now preserved as monuments. Elegant mansions from another era. Leap back millions of years to the age of the dinosaurs. Extraordinary fossil finds indicate the likes of Triceratops and Maiasaura roamed this land we now call Montana. Four of the eight Tyrannosaurs found in the world have come from eastern Montana. Allow yourself time to experience our history—you'll be richer for it.

Located in Butte, Hell Roarin' Gulch features a complete 1905 mining camp *John Reddy*

Bannack's Methodist church, built in 1877, brought full-time religion to Montana's first gold camp *Lee Graves*

The Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument marks the site of the deadly battle of June 1876 between the Sioux and Lt. Col. George Armstrong Custer and his soldiers *R. Valentine Atkinson*

Marshall Lambert presides over Ekalaka's unusual museum of paleontological specimens, including a complete skeleton of a duck-billed dinosaur

Michael Crummett

There are over 120 museums and galleries throughout Montana, including the colorful Darby Pioneer Museum

John Reddy

Creature Comforts

It will take a lifetime of Montana vacations to sample all of our amenities. From quaint bed and breakfast inns to upscale urban hotels in the heart of great shopping areas. From historic lodges to invigorating hot springs. From Montana's own brand of western music to elegant symphony concerts. And the food . . .dished up any way you like it. From backcountry barbecues to elegant five-course candlelight dinners. And it all comes at very sensible prices. Make a habit of spending time with us!

Some of Montana's scenic backroads lead to culinary treasures, served with a generous portion of western hospitality
Roger Wade, Jr.

A wide range of gambling opportunities are available in Montana
Neal & Mary Jane Mishler

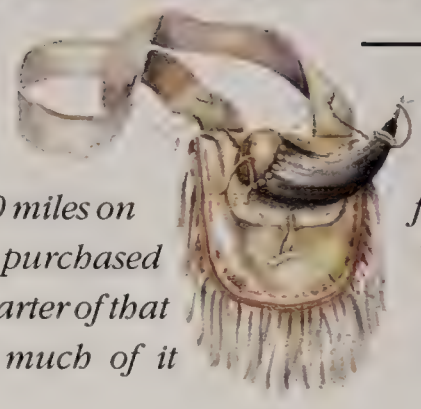
Montana's ranches afford visitors the opportunity to get a genuine feeling of the West

R. Valentine Atkinson

From first-class resorts to rustic cabins, Montana has accommodations to fit every lifestyle

Tom Egenes

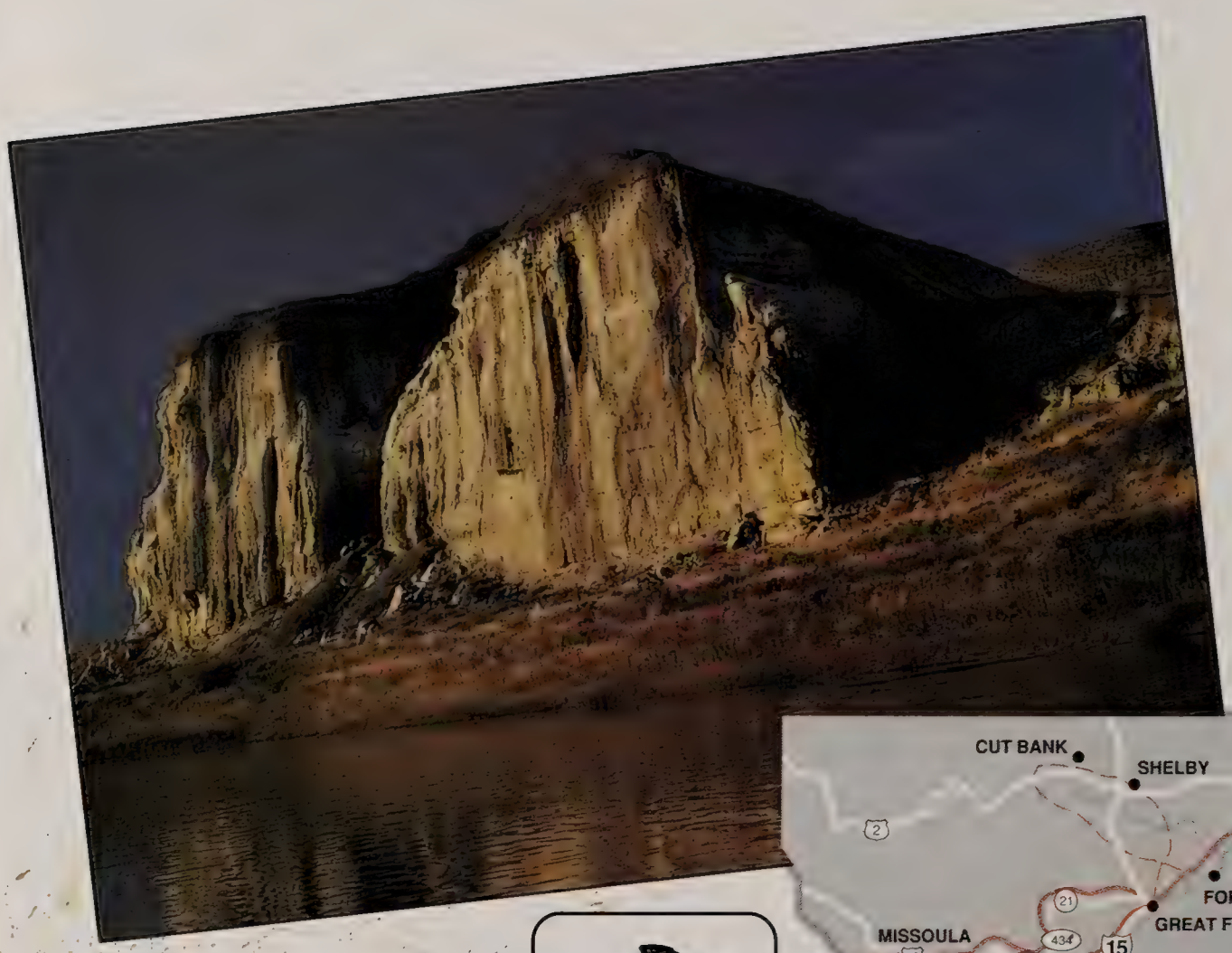
The Lewis and Clark Trail



Meriwether Lewis and William Clark, two of America's great frontiersmen, traveled more than 8,000 miles on their expedition into the newly purchased Louisiana Territory. Well over a quarter of that journey was spent in Montana, much of it along the Yellowstone and Missouri rivers, as Lewis and Clark searched for a water route to the Pacific Ocean. Visitors to Montana can retrace the historic steps of Lewis and Clark, with interpretive markers at various points.

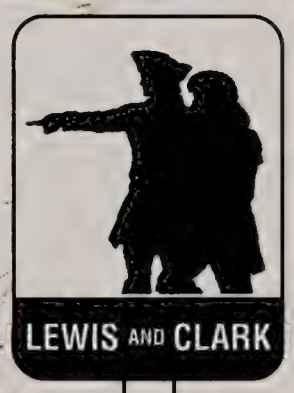
Courageous, tireless, Meriwether Lewis and William Clark were equally observant and curious—explorers in the truest sense. Their detailed journals provided a young America with some of the earliest accounts of the people and natural wonders of the west. They estimated the economic potential at the various posts, the soil and types of crops that could be grown, and animals that could be utilized. Among their scientific discoveries, we find 122 animals and 178 plants—including the ponderosa pine, Montana's state tree; the cutthroat trout, Montana's state fish; the western meadowlark, Montana's state bird; bluebunch wheatgrass, Montana's state grass; and the bitterroot, Montana's state flower.

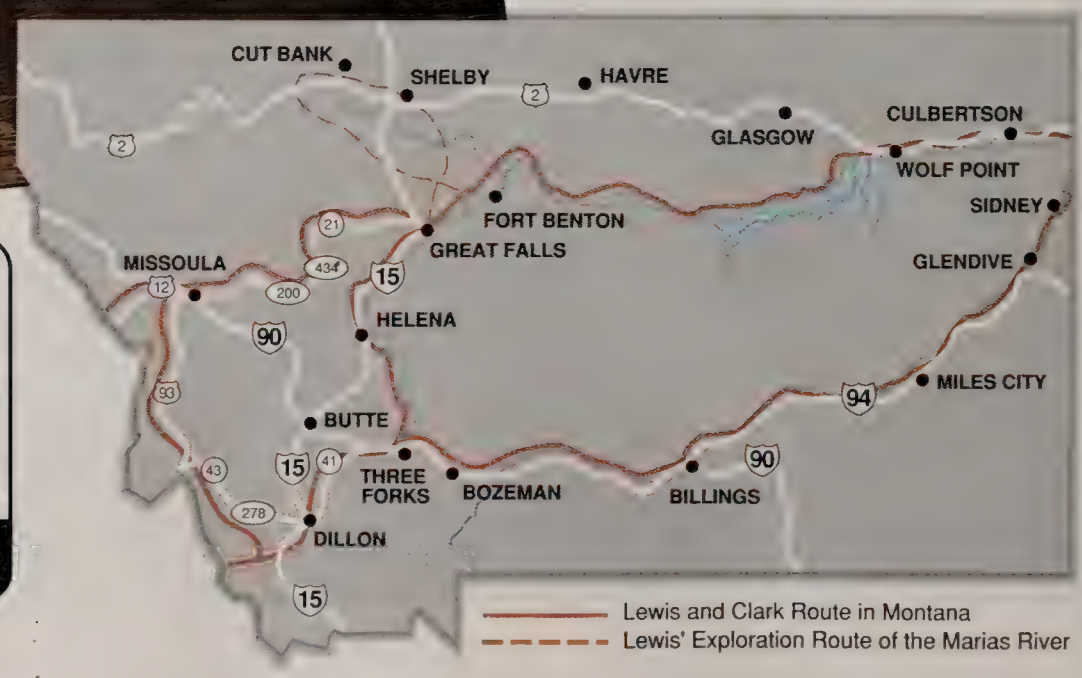
Condensed versions of the Lewis and Clark journals are available at most bookstores, and can be used to retrace their journey through Montana. For more information, travelers should contact the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, P.O. Box 3434, Great Falls, MT 59403.



Much of the Missouri looks the same today as when Lewis and Clark journeyed up the river in the early 1800s *Tim Egan*

The annual Lewis and Clark Festival, Great Falls *Lewis and Clark National Forest*



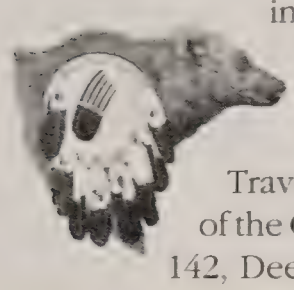


Trail of the Great Bear™

The Trail of the Great Bear is a newly developed international scenic corridor which spans 2,085 miles, or 3,550 kilometers, and links Yellowstone National Park, the world's first national park, with Banff, Canada's first national park. The trail includes Glacier-Waterton, the world's first international peace park.

An adventure of epic proportions, the Trail of the Great Bear™ celebrates nature's power and fragility. The trail traverses millions of years in time, from the molten geothermals of Yellowstone to the glacial icefields of Glacier and Banff, also offering a link with Jasper National Park.

The Trail of the Great Bear™ was created to commemorate and preserve the history, culture, and natural resources along the trail, while promoting appropriate recreation and tourism uses. Once fully developed, the corridor will feature several loop tours, interpretive signage, and educational adventure opportunities.



Year-round recreational activities abound along the trail, and accommodations and traveler's services are readily available in the many communities along the trail. For additional information call Travel Montana 800-VISIT MT. To purchase a traveler's guide to the Trail of the Great Bear™ call 800-582-2665. For a free adventure directory, write Box 142, Deer Lodge, MT 59722.

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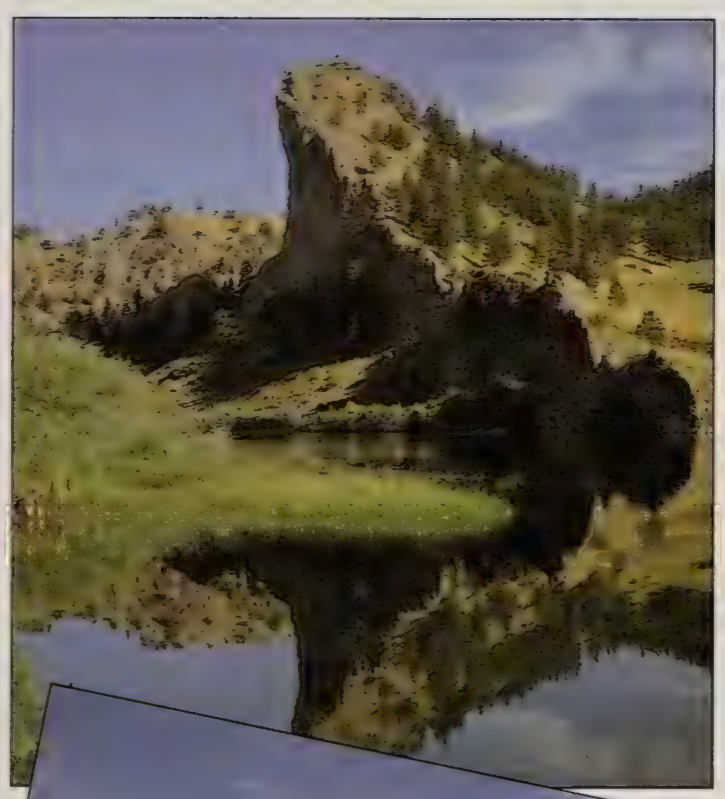

The Trail of the Great Bear from Helena to Great Falls follows the course of the Missouri River near where it cuts through the Gates of the Mountains Wilderness

John Reddy

Glacier National Park, with its rugged peaks and glacier-fed lakes, is a prime attraction for travelers touring the Trail of the Great Bear

Doug Dye

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All persons leaving the United States must report to Canada Customs. All persons entering the United States must report to United States Customs Immigration Service. Ports which are not open 24 hours have varying seasonal hours which are posted on highway signs at each port.
The Going to the Sun Road in Glacier National Park which runs between West Glacier and St. Mary is closed to automobile travel over Logan Pass from about November through May of each year. Inquire with the Park for vehicle length restrictions.
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Del Bonita
Coutts
Aden
Wild Horse
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Port of Chief Mtn. (Summer Only)
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Norris Geyser Basin
Grand Canyon
Central Plateau
Brimstone Basin
Heart Lake Geyser Basin
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Pitchstone Plateau
Falls River Basin
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Bitterroot Range
Cabinet Mountains
Purcell Mountains
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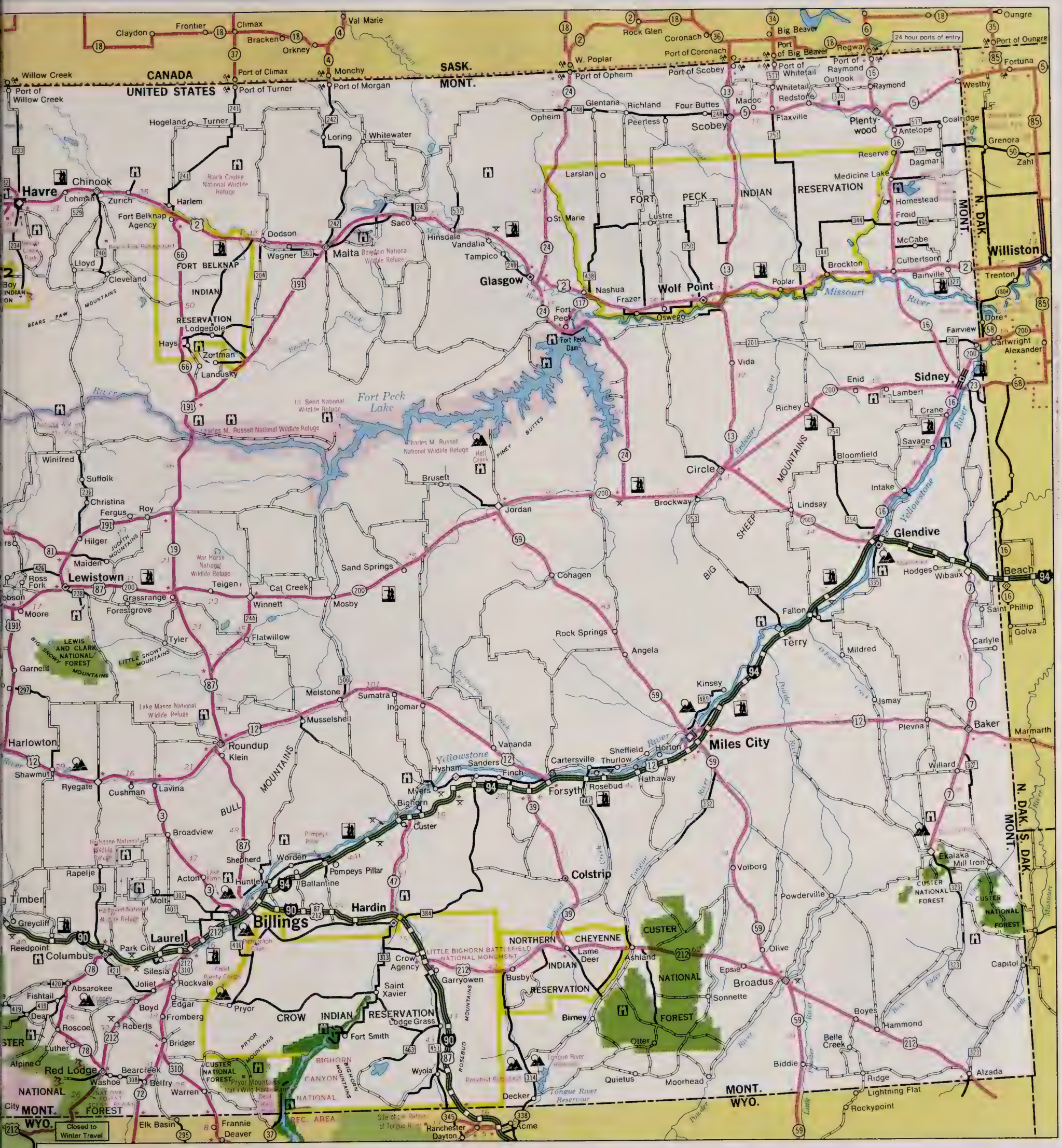
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Visitor Information Centers

Look for these colorful Montana Visitor Center signs at five gateways to Montana. The helpful, state-assisted centers are open to serve you seven days a week, May through September. Knowledgeable travel counselors provide information you need—road conditions, lodging, camping, events and attractions. In addition to these visitor centers, many Montana cities and towns operate travel information facilities and offer excellent travel assistance. Look for travel information centers throughout the state. The door's open, so stop in, even if it's just to say "hello." Montanans welcome your visit and look forward to meeting you.

CULBERTSON
Culbertson Museum and Visitor Information Center
787-6320 (museum) or 787-5515
1 mi east of Culbertson on U.S. 2
Open May-September.

WIBAUX
Wibaux Visitor Information Center
End of East Orgain Street
Open May-September.

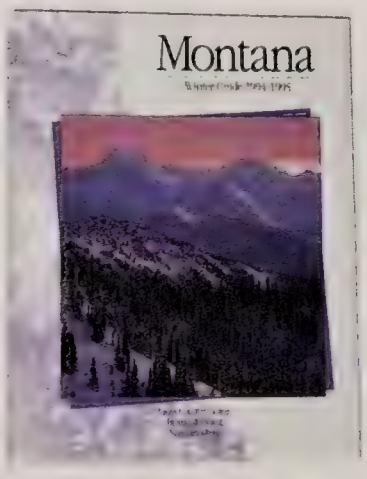
HARDIN
Big Horn County Historical Museum and Visitor Information Center
665-1671
1/2 mi east of Hardin off I-90
Open year-round.

WEST YELLOWSTONE
West Yellowstone Visitor Information Center
646-7701
100 Yellowstone Ave.
Open year-round.

DILLON
Dillon Visitor Information Center
683-5511
125 South Montana
Open year-round.

ST. REGIS
Exit 33 on I-90
Opening in May.

Celebrate Winter in Montana!



When the snow flies, the fun starts! Montana's winter season means plenty of snow, plus events and activities that make winter exciting. The Ladies' World Speedskating Finals, festive winter carnivals, old-fashioned Christmas strolls and the longest dog sled race in the lower 48 states are just a few of many great ways to enjoy winter in Montana.

And, at 14 alpine ski areas, Montana's famous abundant powder and big blue sky assure a long season of great downhill skiing. Or is cross-country more your style? Hundreds of miles of Nordic groomed trails, as well as acres of stunning backcountry await you.

All that snow makes conditions perfect for snowmobiling, too! The perfect combination of scenery, great trails and active snowmobiling clubs add up to Montana's growing reputation as a prime snowmobiling destination.

The **Winter Guide** is what you need to plan your Montana winter getaway. You'll be able to do all your planning with one book—resorts, ski areas, snowmobiling areas, events—it's all here!

Call 800 VISIT MT Rm.5VG outside Montana or 406-444-2654 today!

Making a Difference

Discovering all the wonders of our country is exciting. Travelers today are inspired by all we have and want to help protect our vast resources. We take this responsibility seriously in Montana, and we would like to offer a few tips for helping preserve the beauty, as well as the integrity, of our state:

- Help preserve our heritage. Do not take anything from, or otherwise disturb, old mining camps, ghost towns or other historical features.
- Leave the land, its flowers and other plants as you find them, in a natural state for others to enjoy.
- Respect the rights of others to enjoy their favorite forms of recreation.
- Respect the rights and property of others. Comply with signs and barriers. Always get permission before walking or driving on private land.
- Use trash receptacles. If there are none, carry litter until you can dispose of it properly.
- For your safety, as well as conservation, enjoy wildlife from a distance.
- Many Montana communities are well-known for outstanding friendliness and welcoming spirit. Help us preserve these attributes by respecting our traditions, customs and local regulations.
- Support the local economy...look for the Made in Montana label when you shop.

You can make a difference. Help assure Montana remains as it is for future generations to discover anew.

A Stage of Dramatic Proportions

Moviemaking and Montana just seem to go together. Directors such as Robert Redford (A River Runs Through It) and Ron Howard (Far and Away) couldn't resist 147,138 square miles of breathtaking backdrops as well as "real west" authentic historical sites. And, with mile after mile of Montana magnificance, there are many other kinds of productions that have chosen to claim the title, "Made in Montana." Some favorite locations for movies, commercials, television and "stills" have been stately Moss Mansion in Billings, the revived neighboring ghost towns of Virginia City and Nevada City, incomparable Glacier National Park, dramatic Paradise Valley, golden wheat fields near Great Falls, and the history-rich territorial prison in Deer Lodge. If you're in the area, you might enjoy visiting a location where one of your favorite movies was filmed. You'll experience first-hand Montana's "star quality."

J. P. Gabriel

Russell Country
Heartland–1979
Holy Matrimony–1993
The Stone Boy–1983
Telefon–1977
Thunderbolt and Lightfoot–1974
The Untouchables–1987
War Party–1987

Missouri River Country
Firefox–1982

Glacier Country
Always–1989
Beethoven's 2nd–1993
Cattle Queen of Montana–1954
Dangerous Mission–1958
Disorganized Crime–1988
Forrest Gump–1993
Heaven's Gate–1979
Red Skies Over Montana–1950
The River Wild–1993
Timberjack–1951
Where the Rivers Rise–1920
Winterhawk–1974

Gold West Country
A Thousand Pieces of Gold–1989
Diggstown–1991
Evel Kneivel–1972
F.T.W.–1993
Fast Walking–1980
Grey Eagle–1977
Little Big Man–1970
Return to Lonesome Dove–1993
Runaway Train–1985

Yellowstone Country
A River Runs Through It–1991
Amazing Grace and Chuck–1986
Ballad of Little Jo–1992
Cold Feet–1988
F.T.W.–1993
Iron Will–1993
Keep the Change–1991
Montana–1989
Rancho Deluxe–1974
Triumphs of a Man Called Horse–1983
True Colors–1990

Custer Country
Bright Angel–1989
Devils Horse–1920
Far and Away–1991
Josh and S.A.M.–1992
Legend of Walks Far Woman–1979
Missouri Breaks–1975
Pow Wow Highway–1987
Return to Lonesome Dove–1993
Son of the Morning Star–1990
Stacking–1986
Warpath–1951

Glacier Country

Magnificent peaks. And plenty of them, ranging from the "crown" of our continent, Glacier National Park, to the Bob Marshall Wilderness, to the Bitterroot Range with its granite spires. Lakes scattered like jewels, pristine alpine meadows sprinkled with wildflowers, and lush, fertile valleys fed by the colorful Swan and the lively Flathead rivers. The migrating eagle, the charming marmot, or the magnificent mountain goat. . . all part of Montana's watchable wildlife. And the amenities . . . professional summer theater, over 30 challenging golf courses, historic mansions, museums, art galleries. Glacier Country . . . picture perfect.

MAJOR ATTRACTIONS

Glacier National Park (A-2)
West Glacier, MT 59936
888-5441
Lying in a rugged section of the northern Rockies, Glacier National Park joins Waterton Lakes National Park in Alberta, Canada, to create Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park—an ideal "two nation vacation." Going-to-the-Sun Road, a spectacular 52-mile highway through Glacier, crosses the Continental Divide at Logan Pass and traverses the towering Garden Wall. The maximum vehicle dimensions are 21 feet long (including bumpers) and 8 feet wide (including mirrors). Over-length vehicles may be parked at entrance points. Rental cars are available at nearby towns and there is also a shuttle service. For details, call Rocky Mtns. Transportation 406-862-2539. Historic Jammer bus tours are also available 406-226-5551.The Going-to-the-Sun Road normally opens early June, closes Monday following the 3rd Sunday in Oct. Glacier has more than 700 miles of foot and horse trails. Guided hikes, horseback trips, and boat tours are available. Approximately 1,000 front-country campsites are available on first-come, first-serve basis. Park accommodations feature historic hotels and lodges. Open mid-May thru mid-Sept. For reservations before mid-May, call 602-207-6000; May-Sept. 15, 406-226-5551, 800-332-9351 (outside MT).

Flathead Lake (B,C-2)
Between Kalispell & Polson on U.S. 93 & MT 35
Largest natural freshwater lake west of the Mississippi River, renowned for its fishing. Boat tours include the diesel-powered Far West from Somers (857-3203), the 51-ft. racing sloop Questa from Bigfork (837-5569), and the 41-ft. tour boat Port Polson Princess from Polson (883-2448 or 800-882-6363).

Flathead Lake State Park (B,C-2)
Information 752-5501
Six scenic units bordering Flathead Lake. Except for Wild Horse Island, all units feature camping, fishing, boating, swimming. Entrance fee $3/vehicle; camping fee extra.
Big Arm (West Shore). Boat access to Wild Horse Island. Summer 849-5255.
Finley Point (East Shore). Conifer forest setting at south end of lake. Summer 887-2715.
Wayfarers (East Shore). North end of lake on MT 35. Picnicking, walking trails near quaint resort town of Bigfork. Summer 837-4196.
West Shore (near Lakeside). Rock formations provide excellent views for hikers, campers, photographers. Summer 844-3901.
Wild Horse Island. This 2,163-acre wilderness island is home to bighorn sheep, bald eagles, wild horses, prairie plant species, and more. Day use only. Boat access via Big Arm.
Yellow Bay (East Shore). Camping in the heart of Montana's famous sweet cherry orchards.

National Bison Range (D-2)
At Moiese, off U.S. 93 and MT 200 or 212
644-2211
Established in 1908 to protect one of the most important remaining herds of American bison, about 400 of the great shaggy animals roam nearly 19,000 acres of natural grassland. Other inhabitants are birds, whitetail and mule deer, elk, bighorn sheep, and pronghorns. Self-guiding auto tours year-round. Visitor center.

Bob Marshall Wilderness (C-3)
Between MT 200 and Glacier National Park
755-5401 or 791-7700
The "Bob" is one of the nation's largest and best-known wilderness areas. Combined with the Great Bear and Scapegoat wilderness areas, it forms a contiguous wildland complex of more than 1.5 million acres that straddle the Continental Divide. Accessible only by trail, the complex offers fishing, hunting, hiking, camping, horseback riding, and river floating. Roughly 1,800 miles of trails in the complex.

Flathead National Wild and Scenic River (A,B,C-2,3) 755-5401
South, Middle, and North forks of the Flathead River form the nation's longest wild and scenic river system, stretching 219 miles across some of Montana's most ruggedly beautiful backcountry. Rafting, kayaking, fishing.

For more information contact:
Glacier Country
945 4th Ave. East
Kalispell, MT 59901
800-338-5072
406-756-7128
All Montana phone numbers are reached by area code 406. Major attractions and cities/towns are keyed to the map on page 22.

Maps provide general information only. The maps are not accurate in miles or in geographic distances. Consult the Montana Highway Map in this guide, or the Montana Official Highway Map for accurate information before you travel.

Museum of the Plains Indian (B-3)
Browning, Jct. of U.S. 2 & 89, 338-2230
Comprehensive collection of Blackfeet Indian tribal artifacts, plus history of the Northern Great Plains tribes. Authentic Native American arts and crafts available at museum shop. Open Mon.-Fri.

BIGFORK (B-2)

Bigfork Art & Cultural Center
525 Electric Ave., 837-6927
Local crafts and fine art.

Bigfork Summer Playhouse
526 Electric Ave., 837-4886
Live theater featuring a variety of popular shows. Nightly except Sunday, May-Labor Day.

Jewel Basin Hiking Area
East on Jewel Basin Road, 755-5401
Specially designated hiking area that covers 15,349 acres and features 38 miles of trails. Rocky peaks, alpine lakes, streams, meadows, and wildflowers.

BROWNING (B-3)

Museum of the Plains Indian
See Major Attractions.

Blackfeet Indian Reservation (A-3), 338-7406
Adjoins Glacier National Park. Home of Montana's largest Indian tribe, the Blackfeet. Of special interest are the Museum of the Plains Indian, tribal campgrounds, stream and lake fishing, and the annual North American Indian Days Celebration in mid-July.

Scriver Museum of Montana Wildlife and Hall of Bronze, U.S. 2 & 89, 338-5425
One of Montana's best-known sculptors combines his love of wildlife and art in a studio that features his own sculpture, the work of other artists, and taxidermy. Open daily, 8-5, May-September.

COLUMBIA FALLS (B-2)

Big Sky Waterslide, 892-5025
Water park offering nine slides, whirlpool, picnic area, concessions, and children's activities. Open daily, Memorial Day-Labor Day. Admission.

St. Richard's Church
1210 9th St. W., 892-5142
One of Montana's first Catholic churches, built in 1891.

CORAM (B-2)

Great Bear Adventure
10555 U.S. 2 East, 387-4290
Drive through bear park, observe them in their natural habitat. Admission.

CUT BANK (A-4)

Glacier County Historical Museum
873-4904
Outdoor displays of machinery, railroad history. Open year-round, Tuesday-Saturday.

DARBY (F-2)

Alta Ranger Station
SW, near Painted Rocks Reservoir
First Forest Service ranger station in the U.S.

Darby Pioneer Memorial Museum
U.S. 93, Council Park, 821-4503
Darby settlement from 1800-1888.

DAYTON (C-2)

Lake Mary Ronan State Park
U.S. 93 at Dayton, 7 mi. NW, 752-5501
Hiking, fishing, birding, boating, and camping.

Mission Mountain Winery
West shore of Flathead Lake, on U.S. 93
849-5524
Tours and wine-tasting daily, 10-5, May-Oct.

ESSEX (B-3)

Izaak Walton Inn
888-5700
Built in 1939 by the Great Northern Railroad to house winter snow removal crews. Listed on National Register. Near Glacier Park.

EUREKA (A-1)

Ten Lakes Scenic Area
NE of town, off U.S. 93, 882-4451
Mountain drive, scenic lakes, fishing, hunting.

Tobacco Valley Historic Village
Main St.
Area history.

HAMILTON (E-2)

Daly Mansion
East Side Hwy., 363-6004
Built in 1890 by Irish immigrant Marcus Daly, one of Montana's colorful "copper kings." With 42 rooms, 24 bedrooms, 15 baths, and 5 Italian marble fireplaces, the huge mansion is situated on 50 planted acres in Montana's scenic Bitterroot Valley. Tours daily, April 15-Oct. 15. Oct.-April by appointment only. Admission.

Ravalli County Museum
205 Bedford, 363-3338
Housed in the original Ravalli Co. courthouse which was built in 1900 (on National Register). Native American collection, lab display on Rocky Mtn. tick fever, period rooms. Open year-round. Free admission.

Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness, 363-7161
1.3-million-acre wilderness straddles the Continental Divide on Montana's western border with Idaho. Several canyons take hikers and horseback riders to high mountain lakes. Abundance of wildlife. No motorized travel.

HUNGRY HORSE (B-2)

Amazing Fun Center
U.S. 2 between Hungry Horse and West Glacier, 387-5902
Over a mile of passageways on two levels to challenge puzzle-lovers of all ages. Food, gifts, picnic area. Open daily, summer. Admission.

House of Mystery
U.S. 2 between Hungry Horse and Columbia Falls, 892-1210
Natural laws of physics are bent here, if not broken. Gift shop, antiques, picnic area. April-October. Admission.

Hungry Horse Dam
Off U.S. 2, 387-5241
564-ft. dam forms a reservoir surrounded by rugged mountains. Visitor center, boating, fishing, camping.

KALISPELL (B-2)

Conrad Mansion
6 blks. east of Main on 4th St. E., 755-2166
Built in 1895 as the home of C. E. Conrad, Montana pioneer, Missouri River trader, freighter, and founder of the city of Kalispell. Restored to its Victorian elegance. Admission. May 15-Oct. 15.

Biking *Doug McSpadden*

St. Mary's Mission, Stevensville
John Reddy

St. Ignatius Mission *Wayne Mumford*

Hockaday Center for the Arts
2nd Ave. E. and 3rd St., 755-5268
Features regional and national artists. Tues.-Sat.

Logan State Park
45 mi. W of Kalispell on U.S. 2
293-7190 (summer) or 752-5501
On north shore of Middle Thompson Lake. Swimming, boating, camping, more. User fee.

Lone Pine State Park
5 mi. SW on Foys Lake Rd., 755-2706
Day use area with scenic views of Flathead Valley. Visitor center, picnic facilities, trails. User fee.

LIBBY (B-1)

Cabinet Mountains Wilderness
293-6211 or 827-3533
This 94,000-acre preserve extends 33 miles along the crest of the Cabinet Range south of Libby. Popular hiking and fishing area with wildlife viewing opportunities. No motorized travel.

Heritage Museum
South on U.S. 2, 293-7521
Area history, especially 1880-1920. Open June-August, Mon.-Sat. 10-5, Sun. 1-5.

Kootenai Falls
U.S. 2, between Libby and Troy
Scenic recreation area along the Kootenai River.

Libby Dam
293-5577
A 420-ft.-high, multi-purpose water resource project that forms giant Lake Koocanusa. Visitor center, recreation area.

LOLO (E-2)

Lolo Pass Visitor Information Center
On Lolo Pass, 34 mi. W on U.S. 12
208-942-3113
Located near the Idaho/Montana border near historic Lolo Trail, which was used by the Nez Perce Indians as a buffalo trail and by the Lewis and Clark Expedition enroute to the Pacific. Open mid-May thru Sept.

MISSOULA (D-2)

Historical Museum at Fort Missoula
Fort Missoula, Building 322, enter from South Ave., W of Reserve St., 728-3476
Western Montana history, 12 historic structures on-site. Open year-round, Tues.-Sun. Free admission

Memorial Rose Garden
On Brooks St. (U.S. 93 South)
Over 2,500 rose plants maintained as a memorial to the casualties of World War II and the Montana Vietnam Veterans. Features 12-ft. bronze statue.

Missoula Museum of the Arts
335 N. Pattee, 728-0447
Permanent collection of 19th-20th century Northwest art; changing exhibitions. Open year-round. Free admission.

Ninemile Remount Depot
20 mi. W on I-90, 626-5201
Take Ninemile exit and follow signs to Ninemile Ranger Station (open year-round). From 1930 to 1953, the depot provided experienced packers and pack animals for firefighting and backcountry work projects throughout the northern Rockies. Self-guiding tour includes saddle shop, blacksmith shop, corrals, and barn. Visitor center open daily, Memorial Day-Labor Day.

Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Wildlife Visitor Center
2291 W. Broadway,
523-4545 or 800-CALL-ELK
Elk display, wildlife theater, art gallery, natural history displays. Open daily. Free admission.

Smokejumper Visitor Center
7 mi. W on Old Hwy 10, 329-4934
Headquarters for the U.S. Forest Service smokejumpers. Open June 15-Sept.15 daily. Call for tours in off-season.

Glacier National Park *Conrad Rowe*

Snowbowl Summer Chairlift Ride
12 mi. NW on Snowbowl Road, 549-9777
22-minute ride to 7,000 feet. Hike to the summit and ride the chair back down. Fri., Sat. and Sunday in July and Aug. Admission.

St. Francis Xavier Church
420 W. Pine, 542-0321
Built in 1889, the year Montana became a state. Outstanding for its graceful steeple, paintings, and stained glass. Open daily, 8-5.

Trolley Tours
North Higgins & Railroad, 721-0245
Daily guided tours through historic downtown/university area. Reservations necessary.

University of Montana
Arthur Ave., 243-0211
UM welcomes visitors to its plays, lectures, exhibits, and sporting events. Established in 1893, it combines traditional brick buildings and a tree-lined campus with modern facilities that include the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library, the Performing Arts and Radio-Television Center, Science Complex, and Washington-Grizzly Stadium. The Museum of Fine Arts/Paxon Gallery features contemporary and historical visual arts.

Wilma Theatre
104 S. Higgins Ave., 543-7341
Significant not only for its architecture but also as a monument to the early citizens who pioneered efforts to bring culture and live entertainment to a developing Montana.

PABLO (C-2)

Flathead Indian Reservation
Located between Missoula and Kalispell
675-2700
Home of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Indian Tribes. Of special interest are Ninepipe and Pablo wildlife refuges, the Mission Mountains Tribal Wilderness Arlee Pow-wow (early July) and Elmo Pow-wow (mid-July).

Salish-Kootenai Community College
675-4800
Established 1978. Tours of campus by appt.

Sqelix'u Aqtɛmak nik Cultural Center, "The People's Center," Pablo, MT
675-0160
Exhibit gallery, "Native EdVentures" tours (883-5344), educational programs, gift shop. Admission. Open daily, 9-9 April-Sept., and Mon.-Fri., 9-5 Oct.-March.

PLAINS (C-1)

Log Schoolhouse
Restored building on Main Street.

POLSON (C-2)

Kerr Dam
8 mi. SW of Polson, 883-4450
Concrete arch-type dam is 204 ft. high, 54 ft. higher than Niagara Falls. Picnicking, whitewater rafting, fishing, vista overlook. Tours by appt.

Miracle of America Museum and Historic Village, 58176 U.S. 93, 883-6804
Militaria artifacts, toys, antique vehicles, industry displays. Open nearly year-round.

Polson Historical Museum
Main St., 883-3049
Area history and artifacts. Open Memorial Day-Labor Day.

RONAN (C-2)

Garden of the Rockies Museum
676-4220
Mission Valley heritage.

SEELEY LAKE (D-3)

Placid Lake State Park
3 mi. S of Seeley Lake on MT 83, then 3 mi. W on county road, 542-5500
Camping, boating, and fishing. User fee.

Salmon Lake State Park
5 mi. S of Seeley Lake on MT 83, 542-5500
Fishing, boating, and camping. User fee.

ST. IGNATIUS (D-2)

Flathead Indian Museum and Trading Post
On U.S. 93 at St. Ignatius, 745-2951
Native American crafts, artifacts. Open daily.

Four Winds Historic Village and Trading Post
3 mi. N on U.S. 93, 745-4336
Culture, artifacts of Native Americans, antique toys and trains. Trading post open year-round.

St. Ignatius Mission
Off U.S. 93, 745-2768
This unique Catholic church contains 58 original murals by Brother Joseph Carignano on its walls and ceilings.

STEVENSVILLE (E-2)

Fort Owen
U.S. 93 to Stevensville Junc., E 1/2 mi.
542-5500
Built in 1850 by Major John Owen as a regional trade center, the adobe/log fort is the site of the first permanent white settlement in Montana.

Lee Metcalf National Wildlife Refuge
2 mi. N of Stevensville, 777-5552
2,800-acre refuge along Bitterroot River. Interpretive trails, picnic area, watchable wildlife.

St. Mary's Mission
W end of 4th St., 777-5734
First Catholic mission in the Northwest. Established by Father Pierre DeSmet in 1841. Chapel/residence, log house/pharmacy, museum, cemetery, gift shop. Tours May 1-Sept. 30. Oct. 1-April 30 by appointment. Admission.

Stevensville Museum
777-3201

SUPERIOR (D-1)

Mineral County Museum
822-4078 or 822-4626
County history in former hospital building.

THOMPSON FALLS (C-1)

Thompson Falls
827-4551
Area attractions include Old Jail Museum, Bighorn Sheep Viewing Station (8 mi. east of town), Wild Goose Landing Park and Recreation Center, the scenic Blue Slide area (9 mi. west of town).

Sanders County Historical Museum
Corner of Madison and Maiden Lane
827-3496
Housed in the old Sanders County jail, the museum depicts early settlement and law enforcement.

Thompson Falls State Park
3 mi. NW on MT 200, 752-5501
Fishing, boating, camping, nature walks, and bird watching on the Clark Fork River and Noxon Rapids Reservoir.

TROY (B-1)

Ross Creek Cedar Grove Scenic Area
S of Troy on MT 56, 295-4693
Walk among cedars that are more than 500 years old and 250 feet high on this easy .9-mile interpretive trail.

Troy Museum and Visitors Center
295-5377
Open summer.

VICTOR (E-2)

Victor Heritage Museum
Corner of Blake & Main, 642-3997
Housed in Victor railroad depot. Open mid-May to mid-Oct.

WHITEFISH (B-2)

The Big Mountain Chairlift Ride
8 mi. N of town, 862-3511
Viewing station, restaurant at the top; hike the 5.6-mile Danny On Trail to the bottom, or choose any of three shorter hikes. Admission.

Stumptown Historical Society Museum
862-3501

Whitefish Lake State Park
1/2 mi. W of Whitefish on U.S. 93, 1 mi. N
862-3991 (summer) or 752-5501
Secluded campground, beach, water sports. User fee.

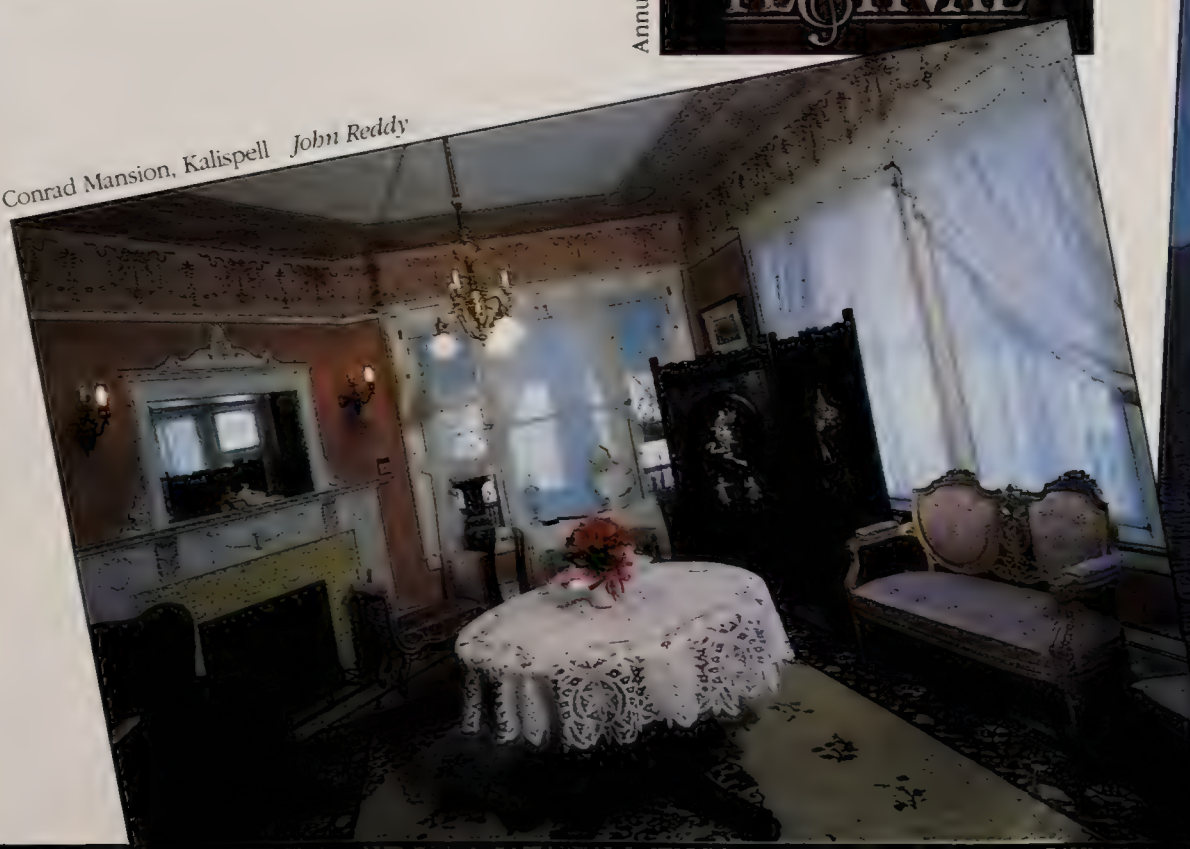
YAAK (A-1)

Northwest Peaks Scenic Area
NW of town on Pete Creek Road, 295-4693
Popular hiking area in Montana's extreme northwest corner.

Annual Flathead Festival *Lori Pettenger*

Flathead Lake *Alan Fugleberg*

Conrad Mansion, Kalispell *John Reddy*



Gold West Country

Wander through and experience legendary ghost towns and mining camps . . . it's history made real. Explore the historic districts of Butte, Philipsburg, and Montana's capital, Helena. Saddle a horse and head down the trail. Hang your hat in the bunkhouse of a guest ranch, or soak in a hot springs pool. Bring your fishing gear—the opportunities are plenty, from blue-ribbon trout streams to high mountain lakes. And for the rockhound . . . sapphires, garnets, smoky quartz . . . only some of the gems you'll discover when you make Gold West Country your destination.

MAJOR ATTRACTIONS

Virginia City, Nevada City (G-4)
On MT 287, 87 mi. NW of Yellowstone National Park, 843-5377
Two authentically preserved and restored mining camps from the gold rush era. The Virginia City Players offer 19th century melodrama nightly in summer. Museums (open May-Sept.) include Nevada City Museum, mining town, period buildings, music hall, gunfights. Admission charge. Accommodations 800-648-7588.

Alder Gulch River of Gold
843-5526
Pan for gold.

Thompson-Hickman Memorial Museum
Virginia City-Madison County Museum

Grant-Kohrs Ranch
National Historic Site (E-4)
Outskirts of Deer Lodge, 846-2070
Headquarters of an 1800s cattle empire that grazed cattle in four states and Canada. See livestock, bunkhouse, blacksmith shop, wagon collection, and more. Elegant ranch house can be seen on guided tour.

Big Hole National Battlefield (F-3)
12 mi. W of Wisdom on MT 43, 689-3155
Site of 1877 battle between Col. John Gibbon's troops and Chief Joseph's Nez Perce Indians. Visitor center, museum, battlefield tour. One of Montana's three units of the Nez Perce National Historical Park.

Bannack State Park (G-3)
Off Hwy. 278, W of Dillon, 834-3413
Montana's first territorial capital and site of first major gold strike in 1862. Walking tour of this ghost town includes Sheriff Henry Plummer's gallows, the Hotel Meade, jailhouse, and more. Visitor center, camping, fishing, picnicking. Bannack Days (third weekend in July) features historic displays, activities, events. User fee.

Garnet Ghost Town (D-3)
From Drummond exit, 10 mi. W; from Bearmouth exit, 6 mi. E., then 10 mi. N on Bear Creek Rd., 329-3914
Named for the ruby-colored stones found nearby, this well-preserved ghost town offers a glimpse of life in an 1870s gold camp. Open year-round. Winter access (Dec. 1-May 15) only by snowmobiling or skiing. Winter cabin rental. Access also from the north, off MT 200 at Greenough.

Lewis and Clark Caverns State Park (F-5)
17 mi. E of Whitehall on MT 2, 287-3541 or 287-5424 (summer)
Montana's first and best-known park features the most highly decorated limestone caverns in the Northwest. Daily cave tours (May 1-Sept. 30), ranger talks w/movies. Campground with camping cabins, picnic area, hiking trails, concession, visitor center. Entrance fee.

Pintler Scenic Route (E-3)
62 mi. on MT 1, off I-90
This highway forms a loop through the heart of Gold West Country that takes you over high mountain passes to the towns of Philipsburg and Anaconda, and along the shores of scenic Georgetown Lake. The magnificent peaks of the Anaconda Pintler Wilderness form the backdrop.

ALDER (G-4)

Robber's Roost
6 mi. NW on MT 287
Hangout for hold-up gangs during the early gold rush days when stage coaches made regular runs between Bannack and Virginia City.

ANACONDA (F-3)

Anaconda Historic District
306 E. Park, 563-2400
Founded in 1883 by Marcus Daly where he erected the Anaconda smelter and reduction works. The town's landmark and a state park, "The Stack" stands 585 feet, 1.5 inches. Self-guided tour, brochure, and bus tour take you around historic Anaconda.

Anaconda Pintler Wilderness (F-2,3)
832-3178
This 159,000-acre wilderness extends more than 30 miles along the Continental Divide southwest of Anaconda. Popular access points are Georgetown Lake and Moose Lake as well as the East Fork of the Bitterroot River, off U.S. 93, on the west side of the wilderness. No motorized travel.

National Forests
Wilderness Areas
Interstate & Roads
Rivers & Lakes
National Forest Scenic Byway

For more information contact:
Gold West Country
1155 Main St.
Deer Lodge, MT 59722
406-846-1943
All Montana phone numbers are reached by area code 406.
Major attractions and cities/towns are keyed to the map on page 22.

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Copper Village Museum and Arts Center
401 E. Commercial, 563-2422
Area history, copper smelter display.

Hearst Free Library
Main & 4th, 563-6932
Classic 1889 period building donated to the city by George and Phoebe Hearst.

Lost Creek State Park
1.5 mi. E on MT 1, 2 mi. N on Sec. 273, then 6 mi. W, 542-5500
Scenic recreation area with short trail to Lost Creek Falls and limestone cliffs rising 1,200 ft. above the canyon floor. Mountain goat and bighorn viewing area. Camping, picnicking. Fee.

St. Timothy's Chapel
Off Pintler Scenic Route, 23 mi. W of town
Non-denominational chapel affords breathtaking view of Georgetown Lake area.

Washoe Park
N side of town, 563-3409
Gardens, tennis, playground, baseball diamond, picnic facilities, and swimming pool. Montana State Fish Hatchery features trout display ponds.

BOULDER (E-4)

Elkhorn Ghost Town
7 mi. S on MT 69, then 11 mi. N on County Road, 444-4720
Outstanding examples of frontier architecture in this ghost town stand as reminders of Montana's 1880s silver boom. Hiking, camping, picnicking.

Jefferson County Courthouse
1889, National Register courthouse features 3-story entrance, gargoyles, stone walls. Radon health mines, near Boulder, are open to visitors.

BUTTE (F-4)

Butte-Silver Bow Chamber of Commerce
2950 Harrison, 494-5595 or 800-735-6814
Much of Montana's history was written in mineral-rich Butte. Walking tour includes historic mansions, churches, fire hall, original copper mine, more. Brochures available. Tour Butte on a replica of an early-day streetcar, "Old No.1." Chamber open year-round, 8-8 summer.

Anselmo Mine Yard
Woolman & Excelsior, 494-5595
Interpretive center of Butte's mining history. Open June 15-Labor Day.

Arts Chateau
321 W. Broadway, 723-7600
In the elegant 1898 Victorian mansion of C. W. Clark. Changing exhibitions (every 6 weeks) of regional art. Admission. Open year-round.

Berkeley Pit
200 Shields, 494-5595
Until it closed in 1983, this was the nation's largest truck-operated open pit copper mine. Visitor center open daily, 8-8, summer. Viewing stand open March-Nov.

Butte City Tours
World Muesum of Mining, 782-2074
1 1/2-hr. narrated tour of Butte and Walkerville. Memorial Day-Labor Day.

Copper King Mansion
219 W. Granite, 782-7580
Three-story, 32-room former mansion of copper king/politician William A. Clark preserved as it was in the 1880s. Tours daily April 1-Oct. 30. Nov.-May by appt. only. Admission.

Historic Wah Chong Tai Co. Building
17 W. Mercury, 494-5595
Located in heart of former Chinatown, Chinese artifacts on display. Memorial Day-Labor Day.

Humbug Spires Primitive Area
18 mi. S on I-15 at Moose Creek exit, 494-5059
Rock climbing, hiking, and geologic sightseeing among unusual limestone formations.

Mineral Museum
Montana Tech campus, W. Park St., 496-4414
1,300 specimens on display. Open year-round.

Neversweat and Washoe Railroad
723-8343
Train carries passengers on a guided tour from Rocker and World Museum of Mining to the Kelley Mine, Memorial Day-Labor Day. Call for hours. Admission.

Our Lady of the Rockies
434 N. Main, 782-1221
90-foot statue atop the Continental Divide, E of city, 8,500 ft. above sea level. Gift shop, tours.

St. Lawrence Church
1308 N. Main, 782-9220
Built in 1897 with donations from Butte miners and their families at a cost of $25,000. Hand-carved altars, some made of marble and brass; forty frescoes. Open Fri. and Sun. summer only.

U.S. High Altitude Sports Center
Continental Drive, SE edge of city, 723-7060
Training facility for Olympic-class athletes; site of world-class speed-skating competition.

World Museum of Mining
W. Park St., 723-7211
1899 mining camp. 12 acres of outdoor/indoor displays. Open summer, 9-9 daily; limited fall/spring hrs.

DEER LODGE (E-4)

Grant-Kohrs Ranch National Historic Site
See Major Attractions.

Frontier Museum
1153 Main Street, 846-0026
Western and saloon memorabilia collection. Open Memorial Day-Sept. 30. Admission.

Montana Law Enforcement Museum
1106 Main St., 846-3777
In historic prison. May 15-Oct. Admission.

Old Montana Prison
1106 Main St., 846-3111
This castle-like stone structure was the first territorial prison in western U.S. Vacated in Oct. 1979, it now stands as a museum. Admission. The "Old Prison Players" theater group offers a variety of comedy, musicals, melodrama. June-mid-Aug. Admission.

Powell County Museum
1193 Main St., 846-3294
Area artifacts, local history, historic photo gallery. Open Memorial Day-Labor Day.

Towe Ford Museum
1106 Main St., 846-3111
Over 100 cars in this antique car collection. Open year-round. Admission.

Lewis and Clark Caverns State Park *Craig and Liz Larcom*

Big Hole National Battlefield *John Reddy*

One of Dillon's Junior Fiddlers
Bill Brockett

Yesterday's Playthings
1017 Main St., 846-1480
1,000 dolls & a century of toys. Admission.

DILLON (G-4)

Bannack State Park
See Major Attractions.

Dillon Visitor Information Center
125 S. Montana, 683-5511
Statewide travel information. Dillon began as a railroad town when the Utah and Northern Railroad (now Union Pacific) brought an end-of-track town called Terminus to the existing townsite in 1880. Brochure available. Year-round.

Beaverhead County Museum
15 S. Montana, 683-5027
Area history. Log structure housing artifacts, photos, and taxidermy. Downtown historic walking tour. Open March-Dec.

Beaverhead Rock State Park
14 mi. N on MT 41, 994-4042
In 1805, Shoshone Indian guide Sacajawea recognized this huge landmark which resembles a beaver's head. Park undeveloped.

Clark Canyon Recreation Area (H-3)
20 mi. S on I-15, 683-6472
Excellent rainbow trout fishery. Popular area for boating, fishing, camping. Below the dam, the Beaverhead is one of Montana's blue-ribbon trout streams. Marina on site.

Western Montana College
710 S. Atlantic, 683-7011
The impressive Main Hall was built in 1896. Campus houses a gallery/museum (683-7126) featuring traveling exhibits, student art, a permanent art collection, and the Seidensticker Wildlife Collection. Open Mon.-Thurs., Sun.

DRUMMOND (E-3)

Garnet Ghost Town
See Major Attractions.

ENNIS (G-4)

Beartrap Canyon
16 mi. N on U.S. 287, then 6 mi. E on MT 84
494-5059 or 683-2337
Part of the Lee Metcalf Wilderness, this area is popular for hiking, fishing, and whitewater rafting on the Madison River. Trail Creek Access Recreational Area (located at the head of the canyon) is the first fishing, picnicking, and sightseeing park on the Madison designed for handicapped.

Ennis National Fish Hatchery
12 mi. SW on Varney Rd., 682-7635
Six strains of rainbow trout provide 23 million eggs a year for stocking throughout the U.S.

Madison Canyon Earthquake Area
and Visitor Center (H-5)
41 mi. SE on U.S. 287, 646-7369
On Aug. 17, 1959, an earthquake slid half a mountain into the canyon, creating a giant dam and Quake Lake. Memorial visitor center.

HELENA (E-4)

Capital City of Montana
An 1864 gold strike touched off a boom era that transformed Helena into "Queen City of the Rockies" and Montana's capital city. Trace its history along main street, still called Last Chance Gulch. View historic buildings and mansions dating back to the 1870s. Self-guiding brochures available at Helena Chamber, 442-4120. Scenic Holter Lake and Hauser Lake near Helena provide boating and fishing.

Archie Bray Foundation
2915 Country Club Ave, 443-3502
Potters from throughout the world come to the "Bray" to work and study. Traditional and contemporary pottery, ceramics, and sculpture. Gallery, tours by appt.

Canyon Ferry Recreation Area
10 mi. E on U.S. 12/287, then 8 mi. N on
Sec. 284, 475-3310
This popular reservoir provides excellent fishing, boating, camping, wildlife watching; 76 miles of shoreline. Bald eagle viewing mid-Nov.

Gates of the Mountains
20 mi. N on I-15, 458-5241
Commercial boat tours through spectacular Missouri River Canyon, route of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Hiking, boating, history, wildlife.

Grandstreet Theater
325 N. Park, 443-3311
Live theater Thurs.-Sat. in historic brownstone building.

Holter Lake Recreation Area
36 mi. N on I-15 and Recreation Rd.,
then 3 mi. S on County Rd., 494-5059
Boating, fishing, and camping on Holter Lake. Access to Gates of the Mountains Wilderness and Beartooth Wildlife Management Area. User fee.

Holter Museum of Art
12 E. Lawrence (off Last Chance Gulch)
442-6400
Changing exhibits of contemporary and historic art. Tues.-Sat., 10-5; Sun., noon-5.

Last Chance Tour Train
Outside Historical Society Bldg., 442-4120
One-hour ride through historical Helena, mid-May to Sept. 30. Hourly.

Little Red Schoolhouse Museum
1635 Sierra Road East, 458-9249
Restored schoolhouse, viewing by appt. only.

Marysville
NW off Sec. 279
Once a thriving gold camp, now a small community with several buildings listed on the National Register.

Montana Historical Society
225 N. Roberts, 444-2694
Mackay Gallery of Charles M. Russell art, Haynes Gallery of photography, changing exhibits, library, archives, and museum store.

State Capitol, Helena *Mike Logan*

Towe Ford Museum, Deer Lodge *Karla James*

Myrna Loy Center
15 N. Ewing, 443-0287
Helena's showcase for national touring music, theater and dance companies, festivals, conferences, films. Located in renovated county jail.

Original Governor's Mansion
304 N. Ewing, 442-3115
Built in 1888, this Victorian mansion was the official residence of nine governors between 1913 and 1959. Guided tours.

Pioneer Cabin
200 S. Park, 443-7641
Built in 1864, it houses many original furnishings. Open Memorial Day-Labor Day, or by appt.

Reeder's Alley
S. Park, 449-2552
Carefully restored area of early-day Helena, with shops, restaurant, visitor center.

Sapphires
NE of the city on the Missouri River
Dig for sapphires and other gems or take home some "paydirt" to sift through at Spokane Bar Mine (227-8989) or the Love Stone Mine (475-3714).

St. Helena Cathedral
530 N. Ewing, 442-5825
Modeled after the cathedral in Cologne, Germany, and a replica of the Votive Church in Vienna, the Cathedral is a magnificent addition to its Rocky Mountain setting.

MONIDA (H-4)

Red Rock Lakes National Wildlife Refuge
Extreme SW corner of MT on graveled Centennial Valley Road between West Yellowstone and Monida, 276-3536
One of North America's most important nesting areas for the rare trumpeter swan. Other inhabitants include waterfowl, songbirds, raptors, moose, and antelope. Primitive area.

PHILIPSBURG (E-3)

Philipsburg, 859-3388
1890s mining town with renovated national historic business district, quaint shops. Walking and auto tours. Guides to area ghost towns, watchable wildlife, architecture, and recreation for all seasons.

Georgetown Lake
10 mi. S on MT 1
Beautiful mountain lake and popular recreation area for fishing, boating, camping.

Granite County Museum & Cultural Center
859-3388
Home of the Ghost Town Hall of Fame. Open mid-May through Dec.

Pintler Scenic Route
See Major Attractions.

Sapphires
115 E. Broadway
Sapphire Gallery in Philipsburg is open year-round for digging (800-525-0169).

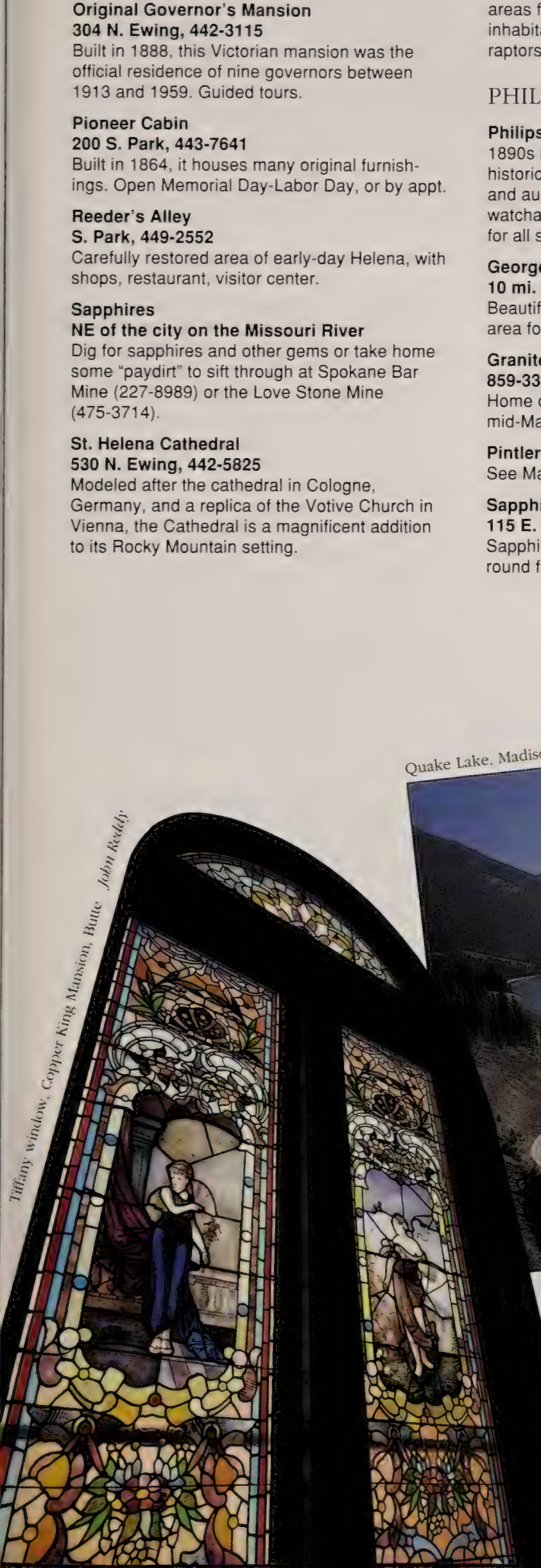
TOWNSEND (E-5)

Broadwater County Museum
First block off Broadway on N. Walnut
266-5252
Area history.

WISE RIVER (F-3)

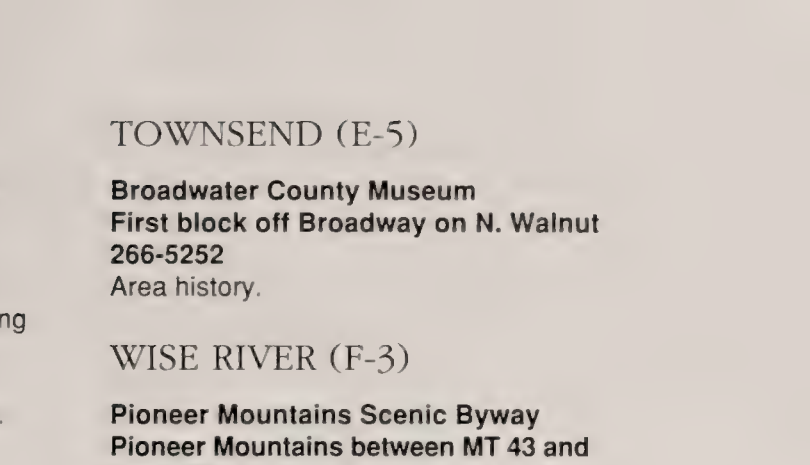
Pioneer Mountains Scenic Byway
Pioneer Mountains between MT 43 and Hwy. 278
683-3900
A 40-mile backcountry drive that bisects the Pioneer Mountains between MT 43 and Hwy. 278. Camping, hiking, fishing, plus the ghost town of Coolidge, remnants of the Elkhorn Mill, and a narrow gauge railroad that served the mill. Summer/fall travel recommended. Open only to snowmobiles in winter.

Crystal Park
Turn at Maverick Mountain turnoff, then 15 mi. N on Hwy. 278, 683-3900
Public diggings for quartz crystals and amethyst. Picnic area. July-November.



Tiffany window, Copper King Mansion, Butte *John Reddy*

Quake Lake, Madison Canyon *Tim Egan*



Red Rock Lakes National Wildlife Refuge *Will Brewster*

Virginia City schoolroom *R. Valentine Atkinson*

Russell Country

Famed western artist Charlie Russell called this land home, where the mountains meet the prairies. It is also home to the Gros Ventre, Assiniboine, Chippewa, and Cree Indian tribes, who welcome visitors to a colorful culture. Explore the land that still looks as hauntingly big and beautiful as it did when Lewis and Clark journeyed up the grand Missouri River. Linger in cities where history has been preserved in parks, museums, and galleries. Dramatic skies, historic buffalo jumps, miles of flaxen-colored wheat fields . . . take it all in when you visit Russell Country.

MAJOR ATTRACTIONS

C. M. Russell Museum Complex (C-5)
400 13th St. N., Great Falls, 727-8787
World's most complete collection of Charles M. Russell's original art and memorabilia plus works by his contemporaries: Reiss, Seltzer, Wieghorst, Heikka, Sharp. Browning Firearms Collection. Museum, original log cabin studio, and Russell home. Admission.

Kings Hill National Scenic Byway, 547-3361
71-mile byway in the Little Belt Mountains from jct. U.S. 12 and 89 north to jct. U.S. 87 and 89. Scenery, mining and ranching history, recreational opportunities.

Missouri Breaks National Back Country Byway (C-7,8), BLM, 538-7461
An 81-mile loop from Hwy. 236, at Winifred, with fascinating scenery, geology, wildlife, and a side trip to the free McClelland Ferry across the Wild and Scenic Missouri River, April-Oct.

Upper Missouri National Wild and Scenic River, (C-7), BLM, 538-7461
The Upper Missouri stretches 149 miles downriver from Fort Benton. In 1805-06, Lewis and Clark explored this river and camped on its banks. Highlights include the scenic White Cliffs area, Citadel Rock, Hole in the Wall, Lewis and Clark Camp at Slaughter River, abandoned homesteads, and abundant wildlife. Commercial boat tours from Fort Benton, shuttle service at Virgelle. Visitor center and museum at Fort Benton, open Friday-Monday, summer. BLM visitor center open Memorial Day-Labor Day (622-5185).

BELT (D-5)

Belt Museum, 277-3616
History, local art. Built in 1895; former city jail. Summer Sat.-Sun. 12-4; call for winter visits.

CHESTER (B-5)

Lake Elwell and Tiber Dam
On the Marias River, 20 mi. SW of Chester
759-5200
Camping, boating, fishing for walleye, pike, trout. Year-round access.

Liberty County Museum
759-5256
Summer only.

Liberty Village Arts Center & Gallery
402 S. Main, 759-5652

CHINOOK (B-7)

Blaine County Museum
501 Indiana, 357-2590
County history, Nez Perce Indian artifacts.

Bear's Paw Battleground
16 mi. S on Secondary 240
One of Montana's three units of Nez Perce National Historical Park. Site of the surrender of Chief Joseph and the Nez Perce Indians on Oct. 5, 1877. After a 1,700-mile retreat, Chief Joseph made his famous speech of surrender: "From where the sun now stands, I will fight no more forever." Park ranger available mid-May through mid-Sept.

CHOTEAU (C-4)

Bob Marshall Wilderness
W of town, 466-5341
Access from Rocky Mountain Front to 1.5 million acres of wildlands including Scapegoat and Great Bear wilderness areas. No motorized travel.

Old Trail Museum
U.S. 287 & 89, 466-5332
Dinosaurs, fossils, Indian artifacts and history, pioneer exhibits. Log cabin studio of artist Jesse Gleason. Paleontology Programs: 1/2 day to 10-day programs for adults and children, May-Sept. Contact museum for details and reservations.

Pine Butte Swamp
W of town, 466-5526
Nature Conservancy Preserve protects unique wetland along the Rocky Mountain Front. Call for tours. For accommodations, call 466-2158.

For more information contact:
Russell Country
P.O. Box 3166
Great Falls, MT 59403
800-527-5348
406-761-5036
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FORT BELKNAP AGENCY (B-8)

Fort Belknap Indian Reservation
45 mi. E of Havre, 353-2205
Home of Gros Ventre and Assiniboine tribes. Of special interest are St. Paul's Mission, Mission Canyon, Snake Butte. Tours available.

FORT BENTON (C-6)

Fort Benton, 622-5494
As a trading post, military fort, and head of steamboat navigation, this was an important overland connection from 1860 to 1887. Historic buildings, river-front park. "Lewis and Clark Memorial," a sculpture by artist Bob Scriver, depicts the explorers with Sacajawea, their Indian guide. "Shep" memorial by artist Bob Scriver.

Museum of the Northern Great Plains
911 21st St.
State of Montana's agricultural museum. Open mid-May to mid-Sept; also by appt.

Museum of the Upper Missouri
Old Fort Park
Historical museum, including Hornaday buffalo. Open mid-May to mid-Sept; also by appt.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Choteau and 14th St.
This Norman-Gothic church, built in 1880, is one of Montana's oldest masonry buildings.

GERALDINE (C-6)

Square Butte Natural Area
Off MT 80, S of town, 538-7461
Designated in 1973 for its scenic, recreational, and wildlife values, this imposing rock butte is home to elk, deer, mountain goats, and hawks.

GREAT FALLS (C-5)

C. M. Russell Museum Complex
See Major Attractions.

Great Falls Information Center
#15 Upper River Road (Broadwater Overlook)
771-0885
Information about area attractions, Lewis and Clark Expedition, accommodations.

Benton Lake National Wildlife Refuge
14 mi. N of Great Falls on Bootlegger Trail
727-7400
12,500-acre refuge with 5,000-acre marshy lakes offers wildlife watching, photography.

Cascade County Historical Museum
1400 1st Ave. N. at Paris Gibson Square
452-3462
County history, gift shop, information center, archives.

Giant Springs Heritage State Park
3 mi. E of U.S. 87 on River Drive, 454-3441
Discovered by Lewis and Clark in 1805, this is one of the largest freshwater springs in the world. Also the site of the world's shortest river—the Roe. Scenic views of Rainbow Falls on the Missouri River, visitor center, picnic sites, fish hatchery. User fee.

Great Falls of the Missouri
E of town on Ryan Dam Rd.
Much of the Missouri remains as it was in 1805 when Lewis and Clark first viewed it. The "Great Falls" themselves are now the site of Ryan Dam.

Great Falls Portage
52 St. N. and 10th Ave. S., 761-4434
The Lewis and Clark Expedition was forced to portage around the falls at this site. The 18-mile, 15-day portage was one of the greatest ordeals endured by the expedition. A heroic-size sculpture (located at Overlook Park and 2nd St. S.) by artist Bob Scriver commemorates the portage.

Malmstrom Air Force Base Museum
E edge of town, 731-2705
Aircraft and missiles on loan from the Air Force Museum at Wright-Patterson AFB, plus historical military displays. Open year-round.

Mehmke's Steam Engine Museum
10 mi. E on U.S. 87, 452-6571
World's largest privately owned, operational collection of steam engines.

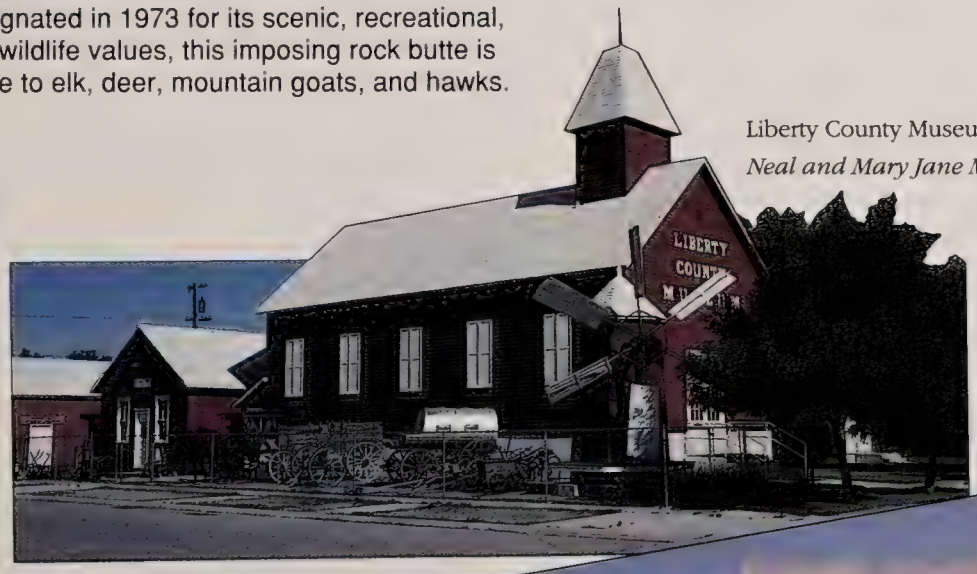
Montana Cowboys Association Museum
311 3rd St. NW., 761-9299
Log cabin display of Old West memorabilia.

Paris Gibson Square
1400 1st Ave. N., 727-8255
Contemporary and historical exhibitions shown year-round in three main galleries. Built in 1895, the Square now houses a museum, art galleries, restaurant, and shopping area. Tours by appt. Open daily, summer.

Ulm Pishkun State Park
10 mi. S on I-15 at Ulm exit, then 4 mi. NW on county road, 454-3441
Prehistoric bison kill site consists of a mile-long buffalo jump, or pishkun, thought to be the largest in the United States.

HARLOWTON (E-7)

Harlowton
632-5523
Located in town are the E-57B Electric Engine Park and "And They Called the Land Montana," a pioneer bronze sculpture. Upper Musselshell Museum (632-5519) features general store, Indian artifacts, pioneer home, *Avacertops lammersi* dinosaur display, more. Chief Joseph Park on U.S. 12 in town features camping, scenic walkways, fishing pond, playground.



Liberty County Museum, Chester
Neal and Mary Jane Mishler

Wheat fields, central Montana *Rick Jackson*

Grass Dancer, Fort Belknap *Chris Roberts*

HAVRE (B-7)

Beaver Creek Park
10 mi. S of Havre, 395-4565
Largest county park (10,000 acres) in the U.S. with great fishing in two lakes, camping, picnicking, and scenic views. Open all year.

Duck Inn Tours, 265-8861
Local tours—historic, fall foliage, Bears Paw.

Fort Assiniboine
8 mi. SW off U.S. 87, 265-4000
Largest military fort west of Mississippi when constructed in 1879. Guided tours available.

Fresno Reservoir
12 mi. W of Havre
Picnicking, fishing, boating, camping.

Havre Badlands
8 mi. NW off Hwy. 232 (River Rd.)
Unusual landscape and geological formations; fossil evidence and archaeological finds.

Havre Beneath the Streets
265-8888
Developed during the building of the Great Northern Railroad. Tour available (includes visit to a bordello, opium den, bakery, mercantile, more, all underground). Admission.

H. Earl Clack Memorial Museum
U.S. 2 W. at fairgrounds, 265-4000
Archaeology, area history, lecture/tour program. May 15-Sept. 15. Lions Campground adjoins.

Northern Montana College Collections
300 W. 11th, Math-Science Bldg., 265-3757
Natural history, Indian artifacts.

Rocky Boy's Indian Reservation
15 mi. SW on U.S. 87, 395-4282
Home of Chippewa and Cree tribes. Located in the foothills of the Bears Paw Mountains.

Wahkpa Chu'gn Archaeology Site
U.S. 2 W., 265-4000
Largest and best-preserved bison kill site in this area of the plains. Guided tours-summer evenings.

LEWISTOWN (D-7)

Lewistown
538-5436
Located at the geographical center of the state, Lewistown began as a small trading post between Helena and the mouth of the Musselshell River. Five areas are listed on the National Register: Silk Stocking District, Courthouse Square, Judith Place, Central Business, and Stone Quarry area. Self-guiding tour brochures available.

Big Spring Trout Hatchery
5 mi. S on Hwy. 238, right on Spring Creek Rd. 2 mi., 538-5588

Central Montana Museum
408 E. Main, 538-5436
Area history.

C. M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge Headquarters on Airport Road, 538-8706
Exhibition pasture of bison.

Crystal Lake
8 mi. W on U.S. 87, then 20 mi. S on county roads, 566-2292
Excellent hiking opportunities; fossils, ice caves nearby.

James Kipp Recreation Area
65 mi. NE on U.S. 191, 538-7461
Located on the C. M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge; access to Upper Missouri National Wild and Scenic River and Fort Peck Lake.

Judith Peak Recreation Area
20 mi. NE of town, 538-7461
Gravel road to summit for outstanding 100-mile views of mountains/prairies. Ghost towns of Maiden, Gilt Edge, Fort Maginnis nearby.

Judith River Wildlife Management Area
23 mi. W on U.S. 87, 17 mi. SW on MT 239 454-3441
View large elk herds, late fall/winter. Access to Little Belt Mountains.

Lewistown Art Center
801 8th Ave. N., 538-8278

War Horse National Wildlife Refuge
40 mi. E on MT 200, 538-8706
Excellent spring waterfowl viewing.

LOMA (C-6)

Earth Science Museum
739-4357
Gems, minerals, fossils, Indian artifacts.

House of a Thousand Dolls
739-4338
Dolls/toys from 1830 to present.

Virgelle Mercantile
378-3110
Homesteading history, canoe rentals.

SHELBY (B-5)

Marias Museum of History and Art
434-2551
Area history, homesteading, oil and Dempsey–Gibbons fight exhibit.

Lake Shel-oole
North end of Shelby
Camping, ball fields, and playgrounds.

STANFORD (D-6)

Judith Basin Museum
June-Aug. 566-2281, Sept.-May 566-2974
Early photos, area history.

UTICA (D-6)

Utica Museum, 423-5208
Homestead era.

VALIER (B-4)

Lake Frances Recreation Area
Popular area for swimming, boating, windsurfing, fishing, camping, and picnicking.

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS (E-5)

The Castle
310 2nd Ave. NE., 547-3370
Built in 1892, this dominant stone structure houses the Meagher County Museum. Open mid-May to mid-Sept.

Ghost Town of Castle
SE of town off Hwy. 294
Weathered homes and outbuildings are all that remain of the silver strikes of the 1880s.

Hot Sulphur Springs
202 W. Main, 547-3366
First discovered by Indians, the town grew up around this natural hot spring. Two pools are open year-round to the public. Fee.

WINDHAM (D-6)

Sod Buster Museum
423-5358
Area history, farming, mining, gem display.

Charles M. Russell Museum complex *Courtesy C. M. Russell Museum*

Floating the Missouri
Kirsten Gross

Yellowstone Country

Pick any season and we'll give you outdoor adventure at its best. Unique skiing resorts, miles of cross-country and snowmobiling trails, blue-ribbon trout streams, whitewater challenges, fall hunting. Add to this the breathtaking Beartooth Highway and scenic backcountry roads. Not to be missed is Yellowstone, our nation's first national park, with its enchanting world of mud pots, geysers, geothermal pools, and abundant wildlife. Travel back into the time of dinosaurs at the world famous Museum of the Rockies. Check into a guest ranch and check out the fun. Yellowstone Country . . . take it easy or take it all in . . . the choice is yours.

MAJOR ATTRACTIONS

Yellowstone National Park (H-6)
WY 82190, 307-344-7381
Three of Yellowstone's five entrances are in Montana: Gardiner on U.S. 89; Cooke City/Silver Gate, via the Beartooth Highway (U.S. 212); and West Yellowstone, at junction of U.S. 191/287 and 20. The world's first national park is renowned for its geysers, mud caldrons, canyons, rivers and lakes, waterfalls, and wildlife. Yellowstone encompasses 2.2 million acres. Park closes Nov. 1 to vehicles, reopens mid-Dec. to mid-March or April for snowmobiling and opens to vehicles in spring. Weather determines all opening/closing dates. Call for details. Accommodations in the park are open May-Oct. and Dec.-March. For reservations call 307-344-7311.

Yellowstone Institute (H-6)
Box 117, Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190, 307-344-2294
Offers field courses on the park's wildlife, plants, geology, and history.

Beartooth Highway (G-7)
U.S. 212 from Red Lodge to Yellowstone National Park, 446-1718 or 446-2103
Designated a National Forest Scenic Byway, the Beartooth Highway has been described by CBS correspondent Charles Kuralt as "the most beautiful drive in America." Reaching heights of nearly 11,000 feet, this 69-mile, 3-hour drive offers sky-top views of snow-capped peaks, glaciers, alpine lakes, and plateaus. Open June to mid-Oct.

Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness (G-6)
657-6361 or 587-6701
Adjoining Yellowstone Park on its northern edge, the Absaroka-Beartooth adds nearly 1 million acres to the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem. Within its borders are 28 peaks over 12,000 ft., including Montana's highest, Granite Peak, at 12,799 ft. Nearly 1,000 alpine lakes and more than 700 miles of hiking trails make this a prime backcountry destination for hikers, anglers, and horseback riders. Major access points are from Billings, Big Timber, Livingston, Red Lodge, and Cooke City. No motorized travel.

Museum of the Rockies (F-5)
South Wilson & Kagy Blvd., MSU Campus, Bozeman, 994-2251
Take a walk through 4 billion years of history of the Northern Rockies. Highlights include the Taylor Planetarium, a world-class dinosaur exhibit, Native American artifacts, Western art, Tinsley Homestead, Kirk Hill Nature Center, summer field courses in paleontology, traveling exhibits, and gift shop. Open daily. Admission.

Missouri Headwaters State Park (F-5)
1-90 at Three Forks exit, E on Sec. 205, N on Sec. 286, 994-4042
Established where Lewis and Clark discovered the Jefferson, Madison, and Gallatin rivers joining to form the Missouri River. Campground, interpretive displays, hiking trails, fishing, floating. User fee.

ABSAROKEE (G-7)

Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness
See Major Attractions.

BIG SKY (G-5)

Big Sky Ski and Summer Resort
995-4211 or 800-548-4486
Scenic gondola rides with spectacular views of surrounding mountains. Other summer activities include golf, tennis, hiking, horseback riding, fishing, mountain biking, whitewater rafting.

Lee Metcalf Spanish Peaks Wilderness
587-6701
Spectacular hiking and backpacking; easily accessed from the Big Sky area. Several peaks, including Lone Mountain, over 11,000 feet.

Soldier's Chapel
U.S. 191, 995-4292
Built in 1955 as a World War II memorial, this nondenominational chapel has an exquisite view of Lone Mountain.

BIG TIMBER (F-6)

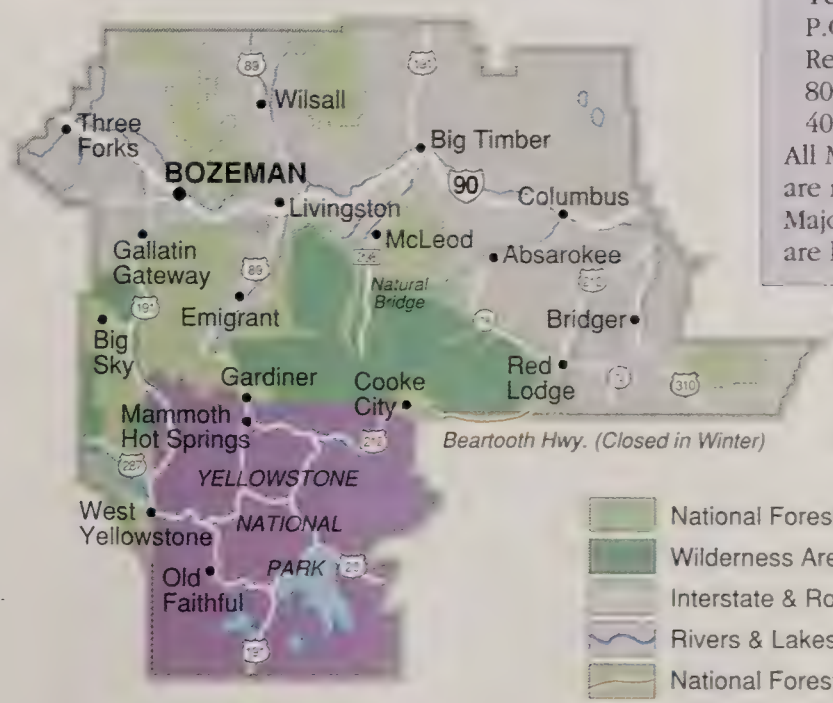
Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness
See Major Attractions.

Big Timber
932-5131
Located at the foot of the Crazy Mountains, Big Timber offers a broad range of activities including a waterslide, golf, art and antique galleries, fishing, and hiking.

C. Sharps Arms/Montana Armory
100 Centennial, 932-4353
Unique showroom features guns and accessories of the 1870s by Sharps and Winchester.

Crazy Mountain Museum
Frontage Rd., W of town, 932-5126
Historical museum. Many exhibits, artist's gallery. May-September.

Greycliff Prairie Dog Town State Park
9 mi. E on I-90 at Greycliff exit, 252-4654
Sheepmen and cattlemen have always fought the prairie dog, but this community has been preserved. Interpretive signs. User fee.



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Red Lodge, MT 59068
800-736-5276 (within U.S.)
406-446-1005
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Natural Bridge (G-6)
27 mi. S on Sec. 298, 932-5131
Spectacular falls and river canyon. Interpretive signs and trails. Fishing on Boulder River and access to Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness.

Shiloh Rifle Manufacturing Co.
201 Centennial Dr., 932-4454
Open Mon.-Fri. for tours.

Victorian Village
At Exit 367, 932-4378
More than 5,000 sq. ft. of Victorian antiques, vintage furnishings and tools. Museum, antique store, gift shop. Open daily June to Sept.

Yellowstone River Trout Hatchery
Fairgrounds Road, 932-4434
Open year-round. Picnicking, camping nearby.

Sweet Grass and Sage Gallery
At exit 367, 932-5228
Features the work of well-known Western artists Jessica Zemsky and Jack Hines, who have made Big Timber their home. Other regional artists featured.

BOZEMAN (F-5)

Museum of the Rockies
See Major Attractions.

American Computer Museum
234 E. Babcock, 587-7545
World's second museum totally devoted to history of the computer. Designed for visitors of all ages and levels of computer experience.

Bozeman Fish Technology Center
4050 Bridger Canyon Rd., 587-9265
Observe many varieties of fish. Native American program, National Historic Site on premises, picnic area. Open year-round.

Emerson Cultural Center
111 South Grand, 587-9797
Historic building used for visual/performing arts. Call for schedule of events.

Gallatin Canyon (F,G-5)
U.S. 191 between Bozeman and West Yellowstone
80-mile drive that parallels the Gallatin River, skirts the magnificent Spanish Peaks, and enters the northwest corner of Yellowstone National Park. Fishing, whitewater rafting, camping, and wildlife viewing along the route.

Gallatin Gateway Inn
14 mi. SW at Gallatin Gateway on U.S. 191
763-4672
Built in 1927 by the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad, this mission-style hotel is listed on the Historic Register.

Gallatin Pioneer Museum
317 W. Main, 585-1311
Pioneer history, artifacts.

Hyalite Canyon
South on 19th Ave., 587-6920
Handicap-accessible recreation area with hiking trails, waterfalls, fishing, picnicking, camping areas.

Montana State University
994-0211
Well known for its agricultural research and education, MSU is also strong in the fields of physical science and technology. Home of the Museum of the Rockies. Visitors are welcome to MSU's cultural and sporting events, which include the annual College National Finals Rodeo (587-2637) in June.

South Willson Historic District
586-5421 or 800-228-4224
Walking tour of this residential area features 48 houses ranging from large mansions to small cottages, some dating back to 1883.

BRIDGER (G-8)

Devil's Canyon Overlook
SE on U.S. 310 to Lovell, then N on Hwy. 37
307-548-2251
Scenic view of Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area where the canyon cross-cuts a 1,000-ft.-high segment of the fault that makes up the Pryor Mountains.

Pryor Mountains National Wild Horse Range
SE on U.S. 310 to Lovell, then N on Hwy. 37
657-6262 (BLM)
For directions, consult Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area Visitor Center at Lovell or the BLM. The Pryor Mountains are home to about 130 wild, free-roaming mustangs believed to be descended from a herd that may have arrived as early as the 1700s. Rugged, desert-like country offers hiking, birding, fossil hunting, backcountry driving.

COLUMBUS (G-7)

Columbus Chamber of Commerce, 322-4505
This full-service community in the foothills of the Beartooths boasts the "most scenic route to Yellowstone Park" via MT 78 and U.S. 212 over Beartooth Pass. Columbus offers three city parks, free camping, floating, fishing, golfing, general aviation airport, and the Museum of the Beartooths (322-5523).

COOKE CITY, COLTER PASS & SILVER GATE (H-6)

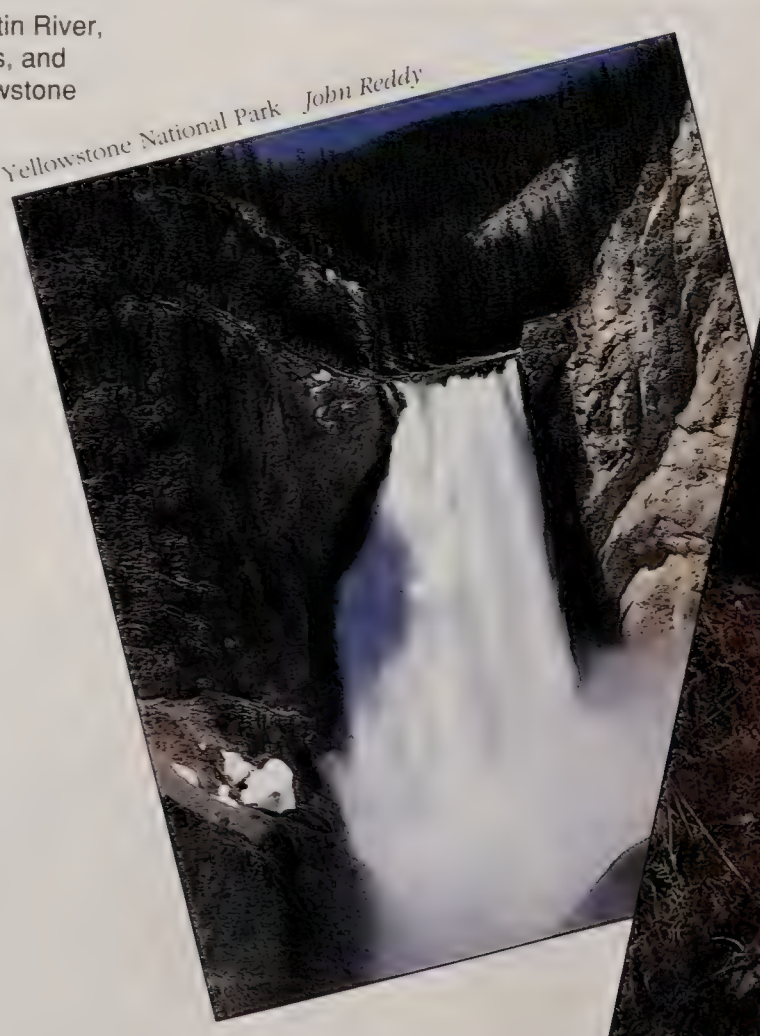
838-2272 summer; 838-2244 winter
With Yellowstone National Park and the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness at their back door, these skytop communities offer hiking, fishing, horseback riding, pack trips, mountain climbing, and more. Pink snow found only in a few places in the world and glaciers containing preserved grasshoppers are visible within hiking distance. Accessible year-round from Yellowstone's North Entrance at Gardiner and, during the summer, from the Beartooth Hwy.

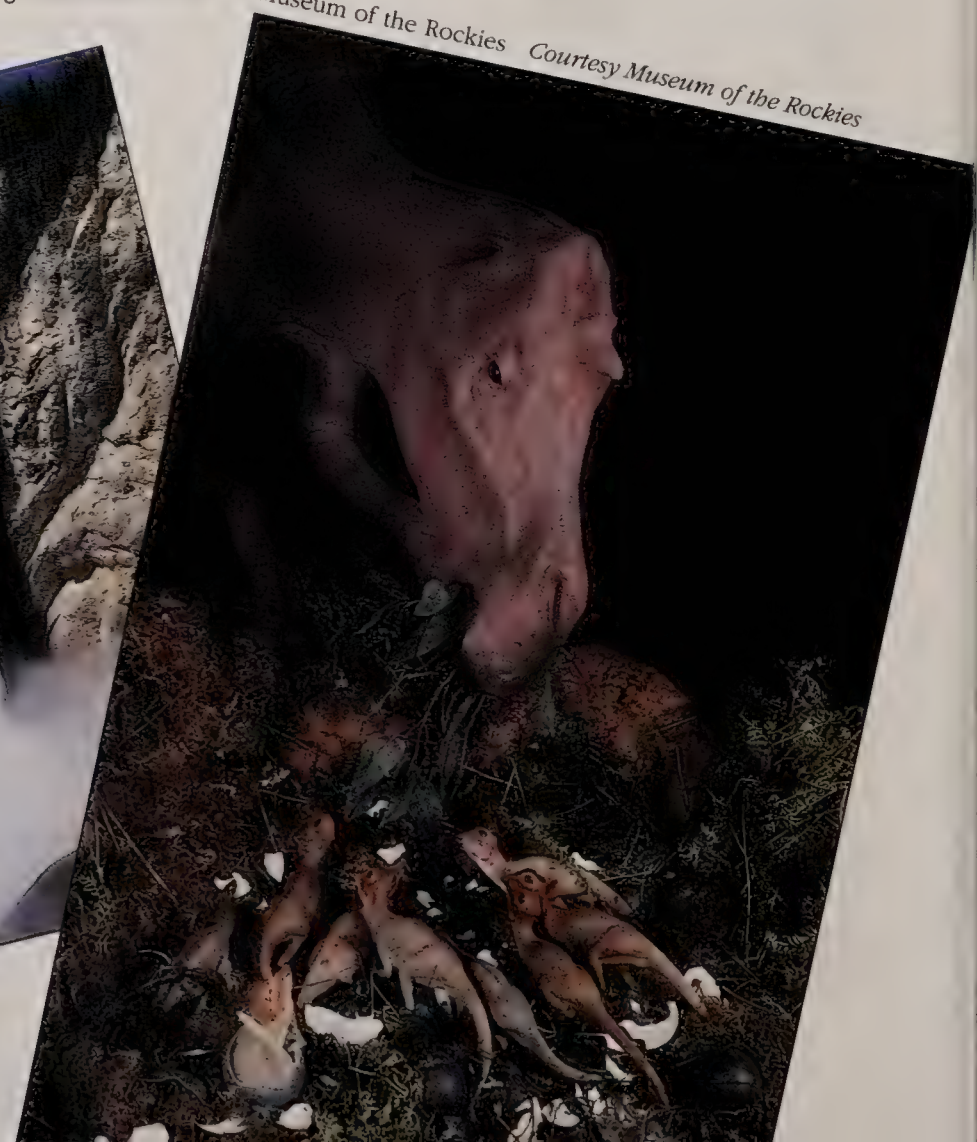
GARDINER (G-6)

Yellowstone National Park
See Major Attractions.

Jardine
NE of Gardiner, 848-7971
Old gold mining town.

Roosevelt Arch
Off Park St., 848-7971
Has marked the north entrance to Yellowstone National Park since 1903, when President Teddy Roosevelt dedicated it before an estimated 5,000 spectators.


Yellowstone National Park *John Reddy*


Museum of the Rockies *Courtesy Museum of the Rockies*

LIVINGSTON (F-6)

Livingston Area Chamber of Commerce
222-0850
Downtown Livingston, a designated Historic District on the National Register, encompasses 436 buildings, most within walking distance of one another. With the Yellowstone River flowing through town, Livingston provides excellent floating and fishing access.

Depot Center
200 W. Park, 222-2300
Located in restored Northern Pacific Railroad station. Major art and history exhibits. Open daily, mid-May to mid-Oct.

Federation of Fly Fishers Education and Conservation Center
132 South D Street, 800-618-0808
Educational environment with displays related to the sport of fly-fishing.

Firehouse 5 Playhouse
1/2 mi. S on U.S. 89
Sleeping Giant Trade Center, 222-1420
Vaudeville theatre, May-Sept.

Lone Wolf Wildlife Museum
1/2 mi. S on U.S. 89, 222-6140

Paradise Valley (G-6)
U.S. 89 between Livingston and North entrance to Yellowstone National Park at Gardiner
53-mile scenic drive, bordered by the magnificent Absaroka Range and the Yellowstone, longest free-flowing river in the U.S. and one of America's finest "Blue Ribbon" trout streams. Fishing, whitewater rafting. Devil's Slide and ghost towns of Aldridge and Electric nearby.

Park County Museum
118 W. Chinook, 222-3506
Area history, including early Yellowstone Park explorers, railroad and Indian history, archaeology. Open daily, June-Labor Day.

RED LODGE (G-7)

Yellowstone National Park,
Beartooth Highway,
Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness
See Major Attractions.

Red Lodge Historic District
446-1718 (summer, 446-3914)
Buildings and houses on and off Main St. that were built between 1893 and 1910 during coal mining boom. Remnants of the ethnic groups that settled Red Lodge are preserved in "Hibug" Town, Finn Town, and Little Italy. These ethnic traditions are celebrated every August during the 9-day Festival of Nations.

Beartooth Nature Center
N end of Red Lodge, 446-1133
Native North American animals, plus children's petting zoo. Adjacent to Coal Miners' Memorial Park. Concessions. Open daily, Memorial Day-Labor Day. Admission.

Carbon County Museum
S on U.S. 212, 446-3914
Area history and artifacts. Homestead cabin of John Garrison, on whose life the movie *Jeremiah Johnson* was based. Summer only.

Cooney Reservoir State Park
22 mi. N on U.S. 212, 8 mi. W of Boyd
252-4654, 445-2326 or 425-1185
Popular recreation area for boating, fishing, camping, wildlife watching, more. User fee.

Smith Mine Disaster Site
4 mi. E at Washoe, 446-1718
In 1943, 74 men died in an underground explosion at this mine site. Tipple and several outbuildings still stand.

THREE FORKS (F-5)

Missouri Headwaters State Park
See Major Attractions.

Headwaters Heritage Museum
Main St., 285-3495
Western heritage exhibits. Summer only.

Madison Buffalo Jump State Park
5 mi. E on I-90 to Logan, 7 mi. S on Buffalo Jump Rd., 994-4042
This buffalo jump vividly demonstrates a hunting technique used in Montana 2,000 years ago. Interpretive displays explain how bison were stampeded over a cliff. Picnic area. User fee.

Sacajawea Inn
285-6515 or 800-821-7526
Named after the Shoshone Indian woman who helped guide the Lewis and Clark Expedition, the inn was built in 1910. Recently restored. On National Register of Historic Places.

WEST YELLOWSTONE (H-5)

Yellowstone National Park
See Major Attractions.

West Yellowstone Visitor Information Center
30 Yellowstone Ave., 646-7701
Statewide travel information. Open year-round.

Grizzly Discovery Center
Near West Entrance to Yellowstone
646-7001 or 800-257-2570
Educational facility devoted to preservation of grizzly bear. Open year-round. Admission.

Museum of the Yellowstone, 646-7814
Features "Bears of Yellowstone" and "Fires of '88" plus Indian, military, and wildlife exhibits.

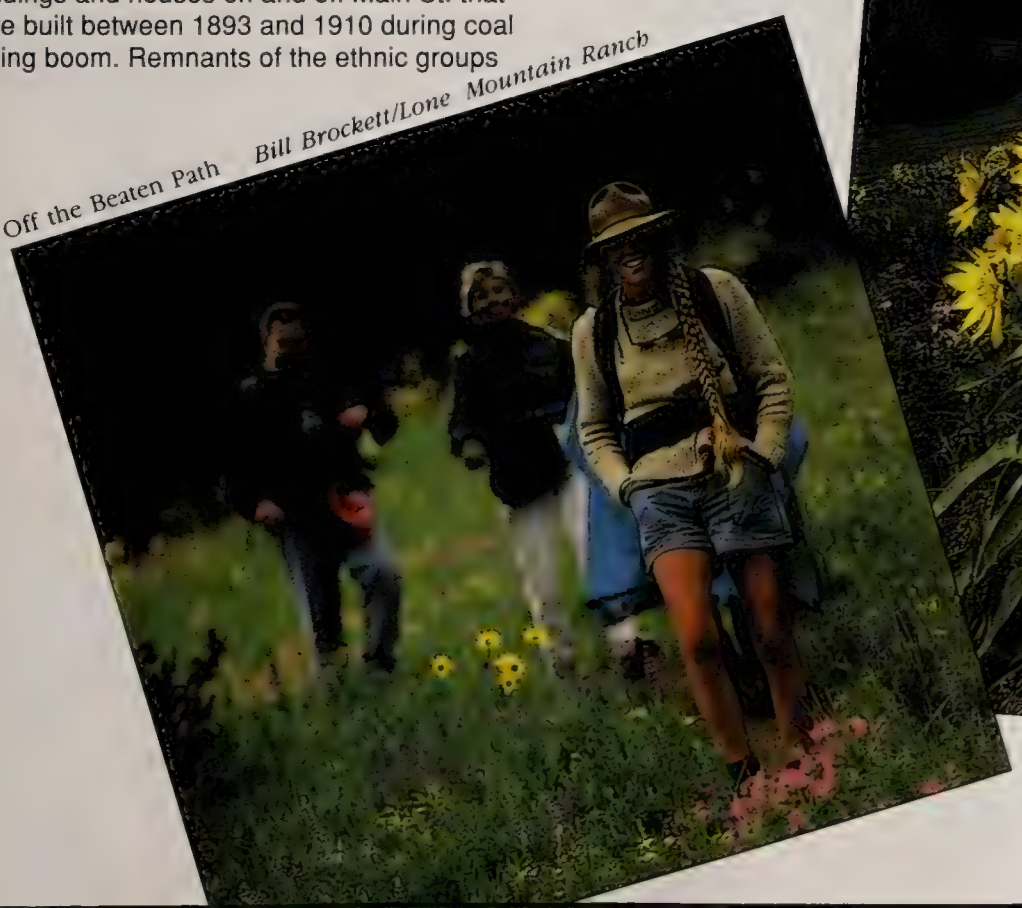
Musical Moose Playhouse
24 Madison Ave., 646-9710
Old-fashioned melodrama—the West was never this much fun. Nearly year-round; call for reservations.

Playmill Theatre, 646-7757
In its 32nd season of melodrama, comedy, and variety shows.

Yellowstone IMAX® Theatre
At Yellowstone's West Entrance, 646-4100
Experience the grandeur of Yellowstone through the theatre presentation of Yellowstone—*Grizzlies, Geysers, Grandeur.* Open year-round, call for times. Admission.

Lee Metcalf Wilderness *Rob Outlaw*

Off the Beaten Path *Bill Brockett/Lone Mountain Ranch*



Missouri River Country

Montana's Land of the Lazy Mountains has a rich heritage dating back to prehistoric times, with some incredible fossil finds still being discovered. It was here Lewis and Clark entered Montana, following the Missouri River. At the turn of the century, legendary outlaws roamed this region, the northern stretch of the Outlaw Trail. Museums reflect this rich, exciting history. Activities include threshing bees, gold panning, county fairs, Indian powwows, watchable wildlife, a hot air balloon rally, rodeos, golf, hunting and fishing, floating, wagon trains, and more. Fort Peck Lake, with 1,500 miles of shoreline, offers year-round recreation. Visitors will be impressed by the vastness, hospitality and spectacular sunsets.

MAJOR ATTRACTIONS

Fort Peck Dam and Lake (C-10)
18 mi. S of Glasgow, 526-3411
One of the world's largest dams impounds the Missouri River, forming a giant lake with 1,500 miles of shoreline. Popular area for boating, fishing, camping, and sightseeing. Watchable wildlife viewing area. Powerhouse tours daily, Memorial Day-Labor Day. Museum open year-round.

Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge (C-8,9,10)
Between MT 24 and U.S. 191, S of Glasgow and Malta, N of Jordan, 538-8706
A million acres of wildlands surrounding Fort Peck Reservoir. This wildlife-rich area consists of prairies, breaks, and badlands. Camping, boating, scenic loop tour 6 miles east of U.S. 191.

Little Rocky Mountains (C-8)
40 mi. SW of Malta on U.S. 191
An island of mountains on the plains, the area is rich in Old West romance and valuable mineral deposits. Legend has it that Butch Cassidy and Kid Curry hid out here. Gold-mining arrived in 1884 and by World War II, the Little Rockies had yielded $25 million in gold. Campgrounds near Zortman and Landusky (654-1240) make good base camps for fishing at nearby reservoirs.

Fort Union Trading Post National Historic Site (B-12)
North Dakota border: NE of Sidney and Fairview, off MT 200; E of Culbertson, off U.S. 2; or SE of Bainville on Rt. 327
701-572-9083
Missouri River's pre-eminent fur-trading post from the 1830s to the Civil War, Fort Union was a colorful mix of riverboaters, fur traders, Plains Indian tribes, and frontier capitalists. Bourgoise House, once the setting of elegant dinners for distinguished guests, is now a visitor center, interpreting one of the most colorful eras of the westward expansion. Open daily.

BAINVILLE (B-12)

Fort Union Trading Post
See Major Attractions.

Bainville Historical Association Museum
Main St., 769-2596
Area history. Memorial Day-Labor Day.

CIRCLE (C-11)

McCone County Museum
801 1st Ave. S., 485-2414
Indian artifacts, firearms, farm machinery, homesteader's shack, and wildlife collection. Open year-round, weekdays, 9-5.

CULBERTSON (B-12)

Fort Union Trading Post
See Major Attractions.

Culbertson Museum and Visitor Information Center
1 mi. E of town, 787-6320
Nine rooms featuring a school, barber shop, general store, pioneer home. Statewide travel information. Open daily May, 1 - Sept. 30.

FAIRVIEW (C-12)

747-5203

Snowden Bridge
The last dual transportation (autos/trains) bridge in the country.

FORT PECK (C-10)

Fort Peck Dam and Lake
See Major Attractions.

Fort Peck Theatre
Missouri Ave., 228-9219
Historic building houses Fort Peck Theatre Company, offering musicals and drama every summer weekend, June-Aug.

GLASGOW (B-10)

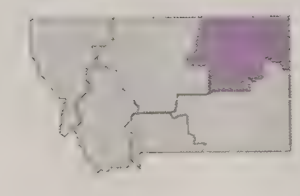
Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge
See Major Attractions.

Pioneer Museum
U.S. 2 W., 228-8692 (winter, 228-2222)
Includes fossils, Indian artifacts, railroads, early businesses, aviation, wildlife collection. Open Memorial Day-Labor Day.

JORDAN (D-10)

Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge
See Major Attractions.

Garfield County Museum, 557-2517
Area history, fossil exhibits. June-Sept.



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Hell Creek Recreation Area
26 mi. N on county road, 232-4365
Popular recreation area provides access to Fort Peck Lake. Marina, water sports, excellent walleye fishing, boating, camping, lodging. User fee.

MALTA (B-8)

Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge, Little Rocky Mountains
See Major Attractions.

Bowdoin National Wildlife Refuge
8 mi. E off old U.S. 2, 654-2863
Excellent viewing and photo opportunities of more than 200 bird species, deer, antelope, upland game. 15-mile self-guided auto tour.

Nelson Reservoir
17 mi. E on U.S. 2, 2 mi. N on county road 654-1588
Walleye and northern pike fishing, water sports. Noted for abundant waterfowl.

Phillips County Historical Museum
133 1st St. W, 654-1037
Carnegie Library Building. Ranching, homesteading era. Open mid-May to mid-Sept.

MEDICINE LAKE (B-12)

Medicine Lake National Wildlife Refuge
1 mile S off MT 16, 789-2305
Important refuge for birds, especially white pelicans, occasional whooping cranes, and other species of waterfowl and upland game. Spring and fall migrations bring 100,000 to 250,000 waterfowl. Encompasses Medicine Lake Wilderness, Montana's smallest wilderness, which preserves a small parcel of mixed-grass prairie, and the 8,000-acre Medicine Lake and associated islands. Fishing for northern pike. Open year-round for walking activities. Self-guided auto tour April 15-Sept. 30.

PLENTYWOOD (A-12)

765-1607
Located 16 mi. south of 24-hour Canadian port of entry. Exotic animal farm tours, golf, swimming pool, 5 city parks. Hot Air Balloon Rally in August.

Sheridan County Museum
E end of town on MT 16, 765-2219
100 antique tractors, 34 threshing machines; Sitting Bull memorial. Summer only.

POPLAR (B-11)

Fort Peck Indian Reservation
768-5155
Home to Assiniboine and Sioux tribes. Of special interest are the many tribal celebrations held throughout the year, including the Red Bottom Celebration in Frazer (June), Wolf Point Wild Horse Stampede (2nd weekend in July), Iron Ring Celebration in Poplar (3rd week in July), and "Wadopana–Last of the True Pow-wows" near Wolf Point (first weekend in August).

Poplar Museum
212 F West, 768-5212
Summer only.

Tribal Museum
U.S. 2 E., 768-5155, ext. 2328
Tribal history, artifacts. Open May-Sept.

SACO (B-9)

Huntley School
Restored one-room school where newsman Chet Huntley began his education. Schools like this once dotted the plains.

SCOBEY (A-11)

Pioneer Town and Museum
W edge of Scobey, 487-5965 or 487-2224
Authentic homestead; historic 42-building town includes stores, library, museum, churches, antique tractors, cars, more. Open Memorial Day-Labor Day.

SIDNEY (C-12)

Mondak Heritage Center/Art Gallery
120 3rd Ave. SE., 482-3500
Area history, street scene of early 1900s, art exhibits, research library. Open year-round.

WOLF POINT (B-11)

"John Deere" Tractor Collection & Museum
1 mi. W, 15 mi. N of Wolf Point on Hwy. 250
392-5224
Open year-round. Call for appointment.

Wolf Point Area Historical Society Museum
220 2nd Ave. S., 653-1912
Homesteading, farm and ranch history.

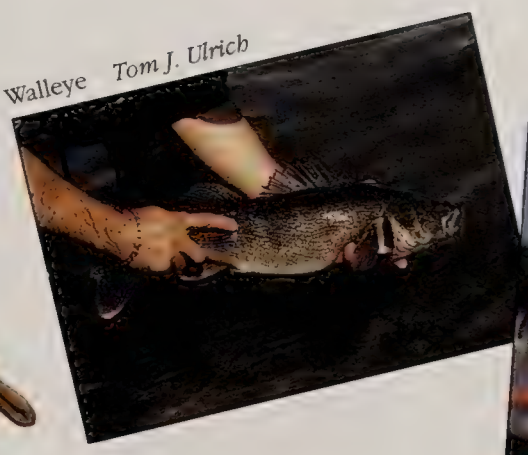
ZORTMAN (C-8)

Little Rocky Mountains
See Major Attractions.

UL Bend National Wildlife Refuge
50 mi. SE on dry-weather roads, 538-8706
Perhaps Montana's most primitive wilderness refuge, the UL Bend is a glacially created peninsula of prairie that juts out into Fort Peck Lake. Together with the surrounding C. M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge, it is the only place in Montana where elk still occupy their native prairie year-round. Other inhabitants are deer, pronghorn, birds, and small animals. Consult weather conditions before traveling from Zortman.

Fort Union Historic Site *Wayne Scherr*

White pelicans, Bowdoin National Wildlife Refuge *Alan and Sandy Carey*


Walleye *Tom J. Ulrich*

Hang on! *Will Brewster*

Custer Country

Sitting Bull. Crazy Horse. Lewis and Clark, Lt. Col. George Custer, who lost his life in 1876 against an underestimated force of Sioux and Cheyenne warriors. These ghosts from our past come to life in the museums and monuments of Custer Country. Prairie grasslands, vast cattle ranches, and wind-carved rock formations define the landscape. Colorful celebrations, from rodeos to balloon races to Indian pow-wows are plentiful. And so are the fish—trout, walleye, paddlefish, and bass, to name a few. From campfire cookouts to elegant dining, Custer Country presents a taste of the Old West and a hefty helping of the new.

MAJOR ATTRACTIONS

Little Bighorn Battlefield
National Monument (G-9)
15 mi. S of Hardin on I-90, 638-2621
This site memorializes one of the last armed efforts of Northern Plains Indians to preserve their traditional way of life against the encroachment of white civilization. In June 1876, 260 soldiers and attached personnel of the U.S. Army were killed by an overwhelming number of Sioux and Cheyenne warriors. Among the dead was Lt. Col. George Armstrong Custer. Battlefield includes visitor center, museum, Custer National Cemetery, memorial site of the 7th Cavalry at Reno-Benteen Battlefield, guided battlefield tours, and interpretive programs. Open year-round.

Bighorn Canyon
National Recreation Area (G-8)
42 mi. S of Hardin on Hwy. 313, 666-2412
Stunning canyon scenery, hiking trails, naturalist-guided trips, boating, fishing, and camping make this one of Montana's most attractive recreation sites. Bighorn Lake, created by 525-ft.-high Yellowtail Dam, is located within the canyon's spectacular limestone walls. The lake is 71 miles long and provides great walleye fishing. Below the dam, Bighorn River is one of Montana's premier year-round trout streams. Year-round accommodations and services are available at Fort Smith, Hardin, and Lovell.

Fort Smith Visitor Center
666-2339
Open daily. Rangers present evening programs at Afterbay Campground, summer weekends.

Yellowtail Dam Visitor Center
666-3234 or 666-2443
Open daily, Memorial Day-Labor Day.

Makoshika State Park (D-12)
SE of Glendive on Snyder Ave., 365-6256
To the Sioux Indians, Makoshika meant "bad earth" or "bad land." In addition to unusual scenery, the park contains fossil remains of such dinosaurs as the tyrannosaurus and triceratops. Scenic drives, nature trails, campground, picnic sites, archery range, visitor center. User fee.

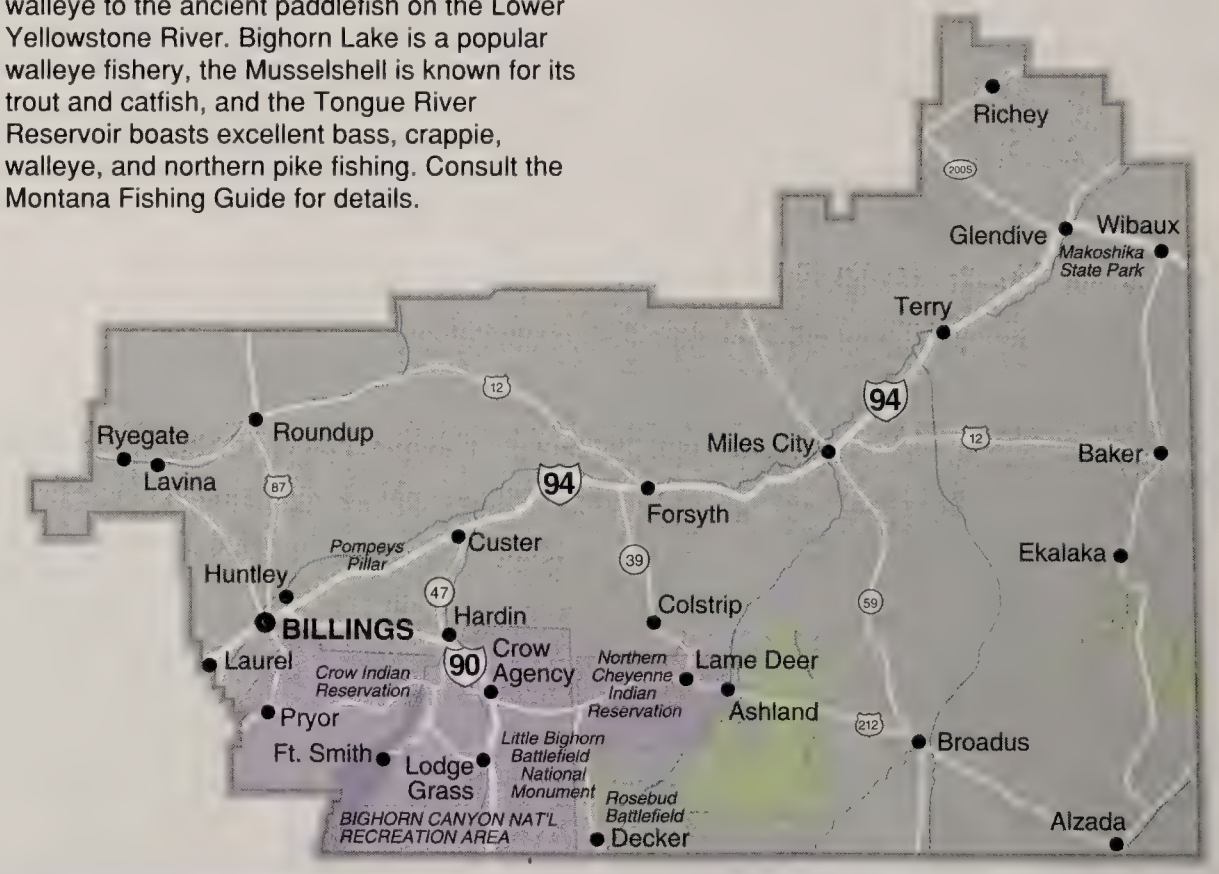
Montana Agates (F-9 to C-12)
Along the Yellowstone River, which parallels I-94 and MT 16, from Custer to Sidney.
The Yellowstone River is renowned for the quality and abundance of agates found on its shores. Sometimes called plume or moss agates, Montana agates are famous for the variety of scenic designs sealed permanently in the stones' interiors. Inquire locally for guide service or tips on searching out these gems. Petrified wood, colored jaspers, and fossils are also common in the area.

FISHING

As Montana's rivers move east, fishing becomes more varied. Enjoy trout fishing at its best on the Bighorn River below Yellowtail Dam. The catch ranges from channel catfish, sauger, and walleye to the ancient paddlefish on the Lower Yellowstone River. Bighorn Lake is a popular walleye fishery, the Musselshell is known for its trout and catfish, and the Tongue River Reservoir boasts excellent bass, crappie, walleye, and northern pike fishing. Consult the Montana Fishing Guide for details.

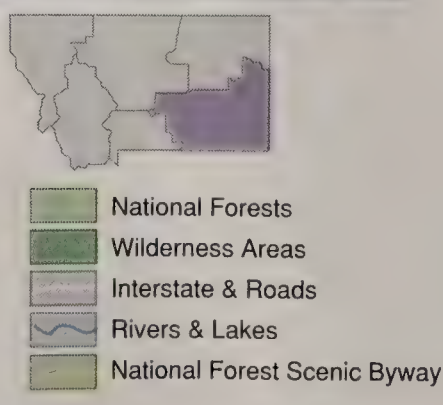
ASHLAND AND LAME DEER (G-10)

Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation
On U.S. 212, adjacent to the Crow Reservation, 477-6253
Of special interest are a historical buffalo jump, burial sites of Indian chiefs, Custer's last camp before the battle, the Cheyenne Indian Museum featuring Indian artifacts and The Ten Bears Gallery, St. Labre Indian School, and the Ashland Pow-wow (early Sept.). Lame Deer, 21 miles west, is headquarters for the tribe and home of the Northern Cheyenne Pow-wow (July 4th weekend). Cheyenne trail rides available (784-6150). Call the Northern Cheyenne Chamber of Commerce for additional information (477-6268). Gift shop at the chamber.



For more information contact:
Custer Country
Route 1, Box 1206A
Hardin, MT 59034
406-665-1671
All Montana phone numbers are reached by area code 406.
Major attractions and cities/towns are keyed to the map on page 22.

Maps provide general information only. The maps are not accurate in miles or in geographic distances. Consult the Montana Highway Map in this guide, or the Montana Official Highway Map for accurate information before you travel.



BAKER (E-12)

Baker Lake
Located in Baker; offers fishing, boating, swimming, water skiing, picnic areas, softball complex.

O'Fallon Museum
1st St. W. and 10th, 778-3265
World's largest steer, vintage clothing.

BILLINGS (F-8)

Montana's largest city, Billings is a regional hub, cultural and entertainment center. Museums, art galleries, theaters, shopping, two colleges; plus easy access to Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument, Bighorn National Recreation Area, Yellowstone Park, the Yellowstone River, and the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness.

Visitor Center and Cattle Drive Monument
I-90, exit 450, 815 S. 27th St., 252-4016
Information on all area attractions, plus heroic-size bronze sculpture of a cattle drover commemorating the "Drive of '89," Montana's Centennial Cattle Drive from Roundup to Billings.

Alberta Bair Theater
2801 3rd Ave. N., 256-6052
Largest performing arts center in Montana, designed and equipped for local performers and professional touring companies. Over 100 events annually.

Billings Studio Theatre
1500 Rimrock Rd., 248-1141
Live theater ranging from Shakespeare to Neil Simon.

Black Otter Trail
252-4016
Scenic drive along rimrocks, beginning at U.S. 10 east of Billings. Includes gravesite of famous frontier scout Yellowstone Kelly. On a clear day, five mountain ranges are visible from the gravesite.

Boothill Swords Park
Atop the rimrocks
The only vestige of the Yellowstone River town of Coulson is its cemetery. Resting place of H. M. Muggins Taylor, army civilian scout who carried the word of Custer's defeat on horseback through 180 miles of hostile Indian territory to Fort Ellis near Bozeman.

J.K. Ralston Cabin
1426 Rimrock Rd.
Log cabin studio of famed artist on campus of Rocky Mountain College. Open summer.

Lake Elmo State Park
2400 Lake Elmo Dr., 256-6205
Beach, swimming, windsurfing, more. User fee.

Moss Mansion
914 Division St., 256-5100
This turn-of-the-century mansion, elegantly restored, provides a glimpse into the life of Preston B. Moss, one of Billings' most prominent early residents. Guided tours, gift shop. Admission.

Oscar's Dreamland
1-90 exit 446, then S. Frontage Rd., 656-0966
Houses historic farm machinery and more. May-Oct. 9-6. Admission.

Peter Yegen Jr. Yellowstone County Museum
Near Logan International Airport, 256-6811
Old West history, Indian artifacts. Tues.-Sun.

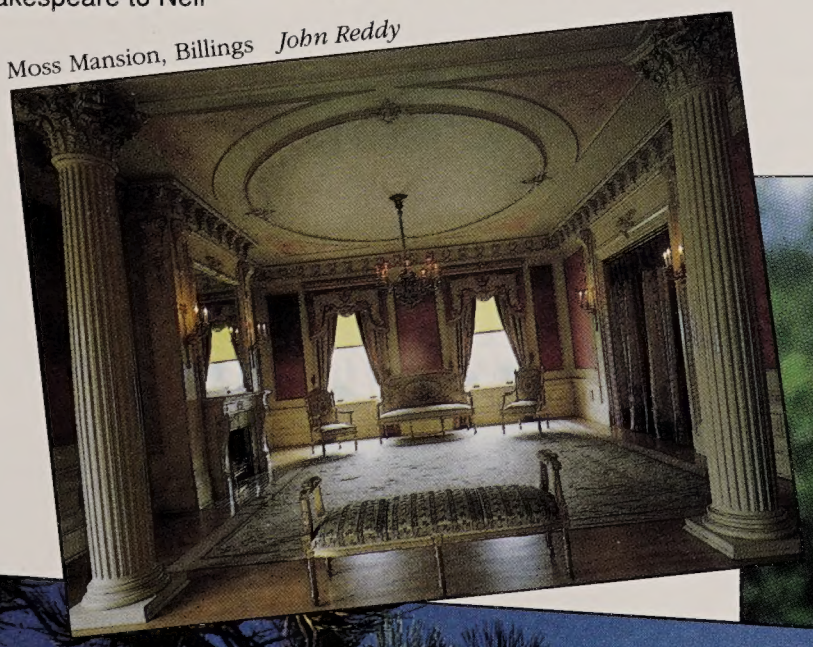
Pictograph Cave State Park
1-90 at Lockwood exit, then 6 mi. S on county road, 252-4654
The remains of a prehistoric culture are preserved here. More than 30,000 artifacts from this park have been identified. Rock paintings are visible from a short, paved trail near the cave. Also popular with birders. Picnic sites. User fee.

Pompeys Pillar National Historic Landmark
Off I-94, 28 mi. E of Billings, 657-6262
Captain William Clark carved his name on this sandstone butte in 1806, the only remaining physical evidence along the trail of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Interpretive tours, visitor center. Memorial Day through Sept.

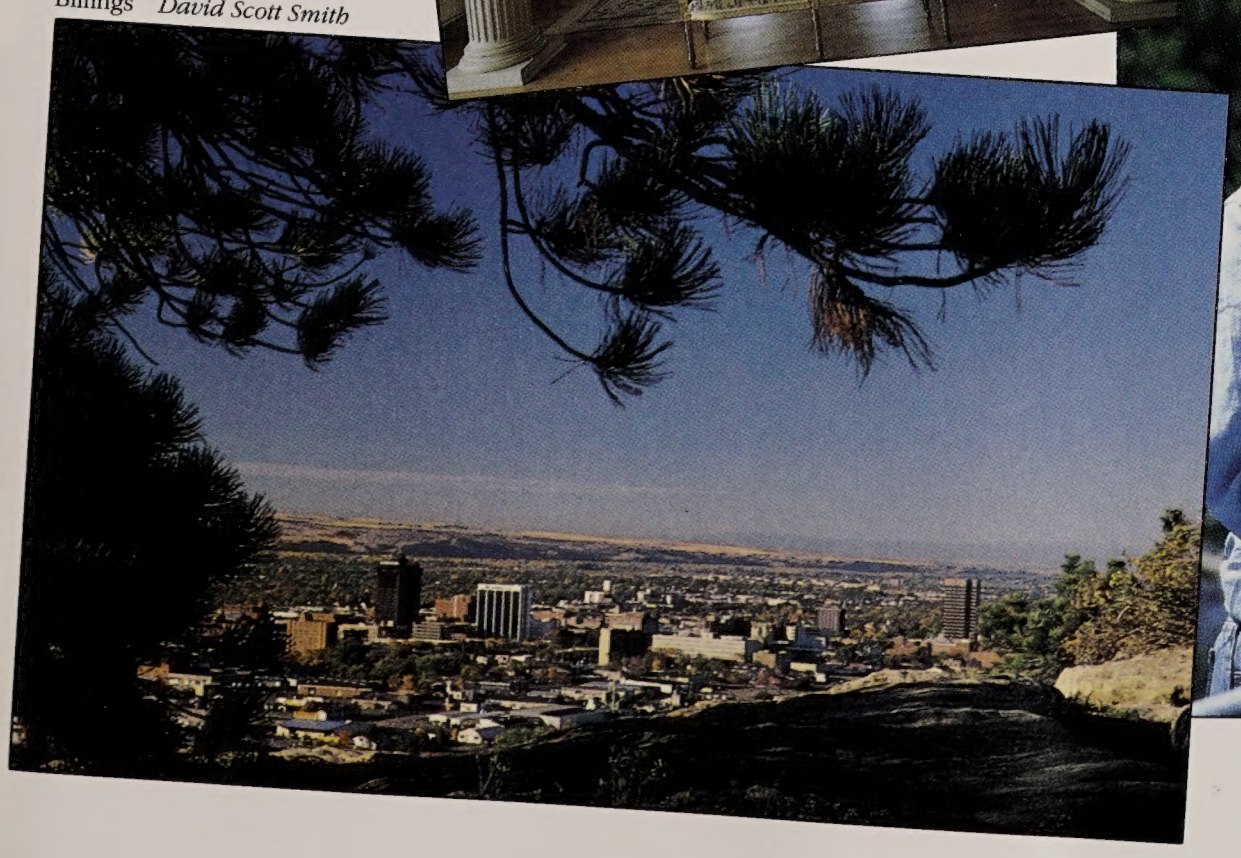
Western Heritage Center
2822 Montana Ave., 256-6809
Changing exhibits of Indians, Western history, Yellowstone Valley history. Tues.-Sun.

Yellowstone Art Center
401 N. 27th St., 256-6804
Changing exhibits of regional, national, and international art, both contemporary and historical. Tues.-Sat.

ZooMontana
2100 S. Shiloh Rd., 652-8100
70-acre wildlife park W of Billings; includes Montana homestead exhibit. Open daily 10-5, April 15-Oct. 15. Admission.



Moss Mansion, Billings *John Reddy*



Billings *David Scott Smith*

One last look *R. Valentine Atkinson*

BROADUS (G-11)

Powder River Historical Museum and Mac's Museum
102 W. Wilson, 436-2276
General store, original county jail, E.B. Ranch chuckwagon, antique cars, and pioneer photos. Over 200,000 seashells, plus minerals and Indian artifacts. Open Memorial Day-Sept.

Powder River Taxidermy Wildlife Museum
708 S. Park/U.S. 212, 436-2538
Wildlife mounts, antique and commemorative guns, local art. Ask for directions to Reynolds Battlefield, 23 miles south of Broadus.

COLSTRIP (F-10)

Colstrip
35 mi. S of Forsyth on MT 39, 748-3746
"Energy Capital of Montana." Visit Colstrip Visitor Center to learn the history of this coal-mining community, the operation of a coal-fired power plant, and the workings of an open-pit mine. Tours Mon.-Fri. Reservations appreciated.

CROW AGENCY (G-9)

Crow Indian Reservation
638-2601
This large reservation surrounds much of the Bighorn Canyon Recreation Area and encompasses Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument. One of the nation's best-known Indian pow-wows, Crow Fair, takes place here the third weekend of August when Crow Agency becomes the "Tepee Capital of the World."

Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument
See Major Attractions.

CUSTER (F-9)

Enjoy agate hunting and fishing in the Custer area.

DECKER (G-10)

Rosebud Battlefield State Park
N of Decker on Secondary 314, 232-4365
Undeveloped site of the 1876 battle between Sioux Indians and General George Crook's infantry. One of U.S. history's largest Indian battles, it set the stage for an Indian victory eight days later at the Battle of the Little Bighorn, now the site of the Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument.

Tongue River Reservoir State Park
6 mi. N on Sec. 314, then 1 mi. E on county road, 232-4365
Scenic, 12-mile-long reservoir offers boating, camping, concessions, and good fishing for walleye, northern pike, bass, and crappie. User fee.

EKALAKA (F-12)

Carter County Museum
100 Main St., 775-6886
Prehistoric specimens, anatosaurus skeleton, artifacts. Closed Monday.

Medicine Rocks State Park
N on MT 7, 232-4365
This was a place of "big medicine," where Indian hunting parties conjured up magical spirits. Wind and water have sculpted soft sandstone into unusual formations. Haven for wildlife. Undeveloped.

FORSYTH (E-10)

Pioneer Museum
356-7547
Area history, artifacts, photos. May-Sept 15.

Rosebud County Courthouse
1200 Main, 356-7318
Listed on the National Register, this neoclassical, 2-story building is capped with an ornate copper dome.

FORT SMITH (G-9)

Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area
See Major Attractions.

GLENDIVE (D-12)

Maskoshika State Park
See Major Attractions.

Frontier Gateway Museum
1 mi. E of town, 365-8168
Fossils, Indian artifacts, homesteading. May-Labor Day, or by appointment.

HARDIN (F-9)

Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument, Custer National Cemetery, Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area
See Major Attractions.

Big Horn County Historical Museum and Visitor Information Center
I-90, exit 497, 665-1671
Cultural exhibits, restored buildings, special events, picnic area, gift shop. Statewide travel information. Open year-round.

Jailhouse Gallery
812 N. Center, 665-3239
Indian culture, crafts, art exhibits, gift shop.

HUNTLEY (F-8)

Huntley Project Museum of Irrigated Agriculture, 967-2680
Over 5,000 agricultural artifacts. Memorial Day-Labor Day.

HYSHAM (E-9)

Treasure County Museum/Manning Theatre
Pioneer and statesmen history.

Howery Island Wildlife Viewing Area
I-94 Exit, Sec. 311 W for 7 mi., 232-7000
Wildlife viewing, fishing site along Yellowstone.

Isaac Homestead Wildlife Management Area
Old homestead location offers fishing access, boat launch, wildlife viewing, and agate hunting.

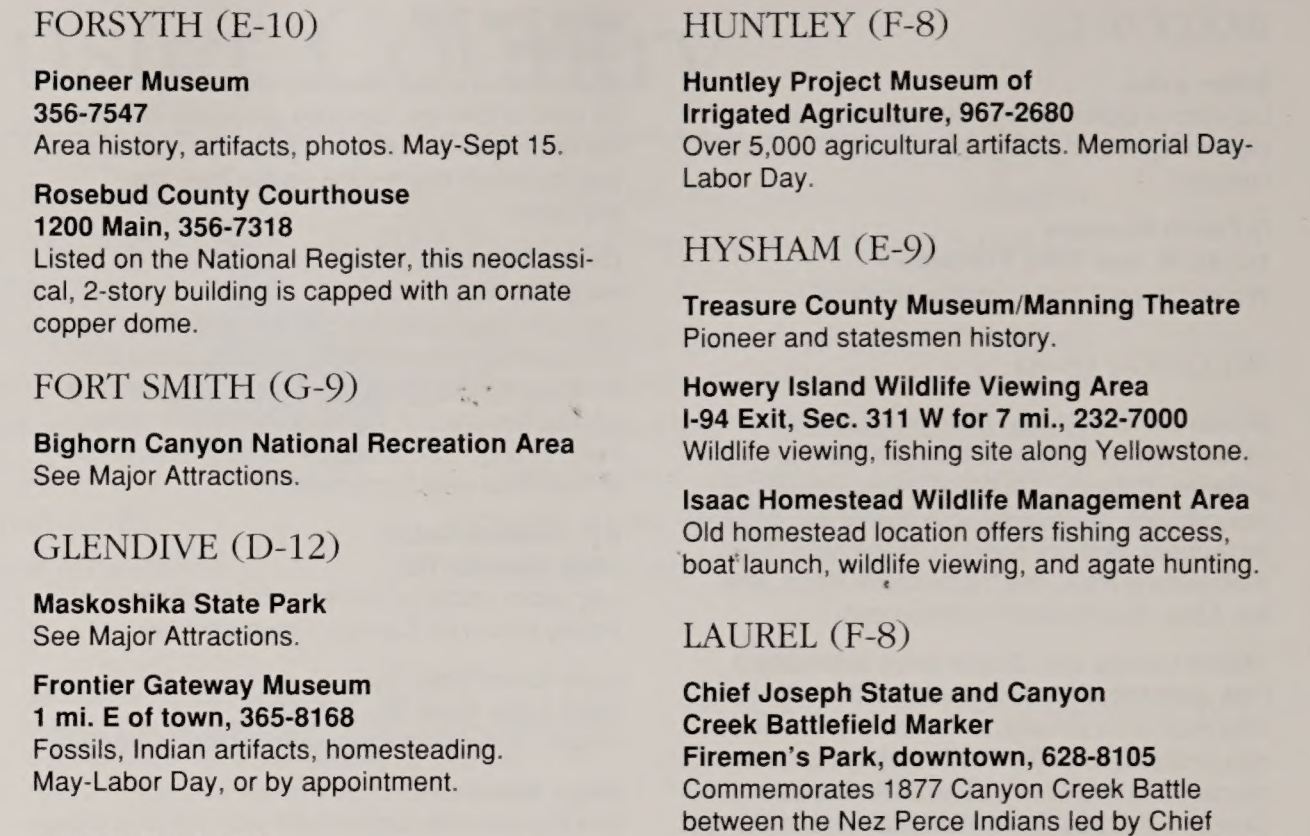
LAUREL (F-8)

Chief Joseph Statue and Canyon Creek Battlefield Marker
Firemen's Park, downtown, 628-8105
Commemorates 1877 Canyon Creek Battle between the Nez Perce Indians led by Chief Joseph and the U.S. Cavalry led by General Sturgis. Actual site of the battle is 7.5 miles north on Secondary 532.

MILES CITY (E-11)

Custer County Art Center
Water Plant Rd., 232-0635
Located in historic waterworks plant, the center features the work of local, state, and regional artists. Annual Western Art Roundup, with quick draw, cowboy poetry, and auction, coincides with the world-famous Miles City Bucking Horse Sale, third weekend in May.

Fort Keogh
2 mi. SE of town
At one time the largest army post in Montana, Fort Keogh served from 1877-1908 as a major post at the close of the Indian wars. Several original buildings remain and the old parade grounds are still intact.



Whoa! *Connie Wanner*

Montana Bar, Miles City
Will Brewster

Range Riders Museum
W edge of town, 232-6146
This Western complex includes Fort Keogh Officers' Quarters, Pioneer Memorial Hall, Old Milestown Main Street, Heritage Center, Indian artifacts, and the 400-piece Bert Clark Gun Collection. April-Oct. Admission.

PRYOR (G-8)

Chief Plenty Coups State Park
35 mi. S of Billings, 252-1289
Home and burial site of Chief Plenty Coups, last chief of the Crow. His log home and store remain as evidence of his efforts to adopt the lifestyle of the white man. Visitor center and interpretive displays explain the Crow culture. User fee.

RICHEY (C-11)

Richey Historical Museum
773-5656
Over 7,000 items including Model A mail car, blacksmith shop, pioneer kitchen, school and church memorabilia, newspaper files, and period clothing. Memorial Day-Labor Day.

ROUNDUP (E-8)

Musselshell Valley Historical Museum
524 1st St. W., 323-1403
Pioneer-era cabin, 5-room house, coal mine. 7,000 sq. ft. exhibit area. May-Sept.

RYEGATE & LAVINA (E-7)

Musselshell River, Fishing
See Major Attractions.

TERRY (D-11)

Lady Cameron Museum
637-5782
British lady's photos (1894-1928) of eastern Montana. Memorial Day-Labor Day.

Prairie County Museum
637-5782
Housed in the old State Bank of Terry, museum is filled with horse and buggy equipment, household and business antiques.

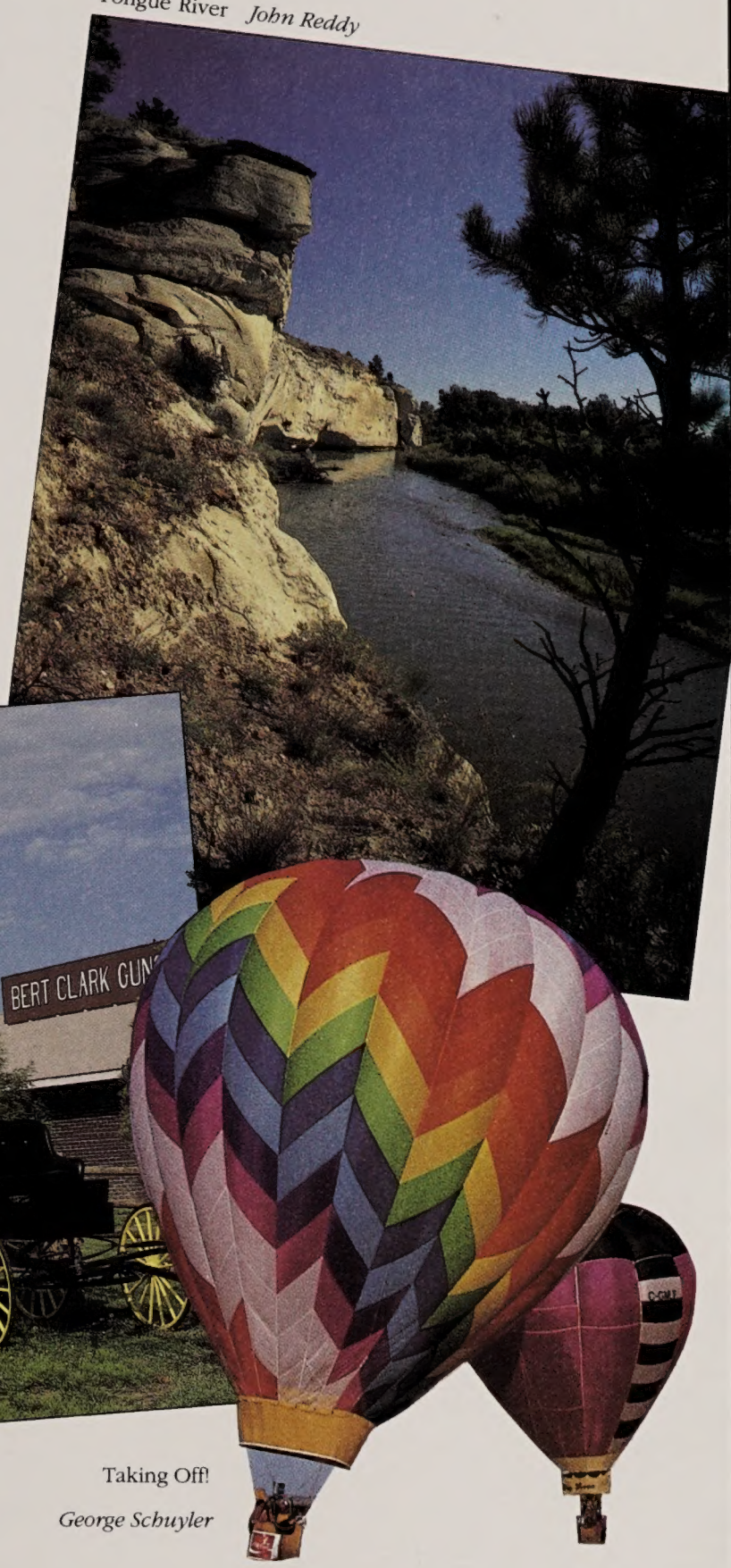
Terry Badlands
NW on Scenic View Rd., 232-7000
Scenic overlook, hiking.

WIBAUX (D-12)

St. Peter's Catholic Church
Built in 1885, this beautiful church features stained glass and a lava rock exterior covered with climbing vines in the summer.

Wibaux County Museum and Visitor Information Center
End of E. Orgain St., 795-2427
Includes Pierre Wibaux House, which was built in 1892 as a town house and office building by Pierre Wibaux, notable open range cattleman. Farm/household items of early area settlers, Indian artifacts, Centennial Car Museum. Statewide travel information. Open May-Sept.

Tongue River *John Reddy*

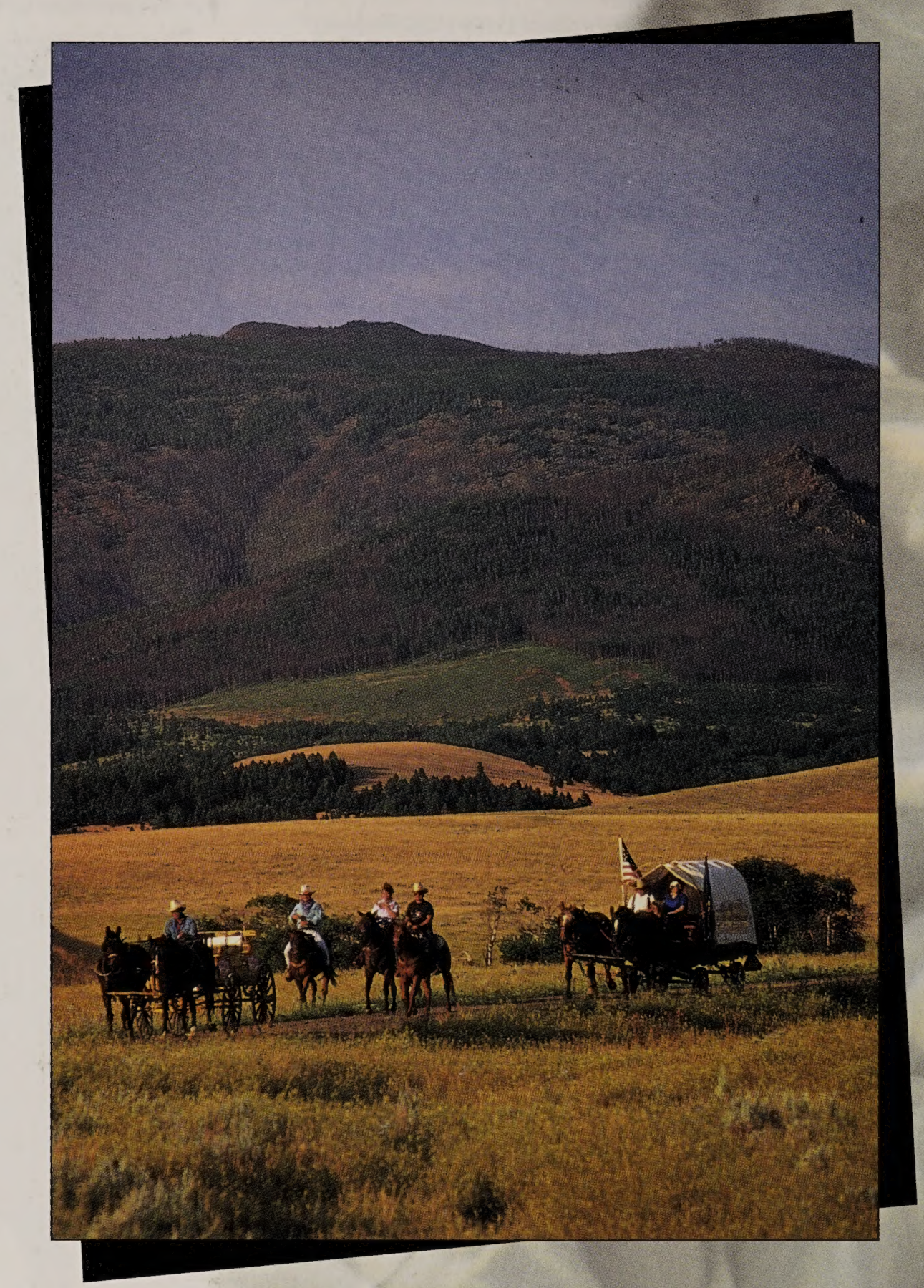


Range Riders Museum, Miles City *Michael Crummett*

Taking Off!
George Schuyler

Annual re-enactment of Custer's Last Stand, Hardin *Robert Kelleher*

Chief Plenty Coups State Park *Lee Graves*



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